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Germany On The Spot

The "Wall Street Journal" quotes Mr. Bernard Baruch in an exclusive interview as saying: "Germany, not the United States, is on the spot economically if Germany wins control of the European continent.

"Under a proper economic policy, the United States will be able to drive Germany from many desired neutral markets."

He cited evidence just received from a large American Company owning a factory in a leading industrial city in Germany.

The report shows that despite low wages and long hours, with the German mark at 37 cents, the American plant was turning out products much cheaper.

Germany is faced with a huge employment and economic problem after the war.—Reuter.

INDIA AND BURMA TO CONFER

The Governments of India and Burma, in a communique yesterday, declared they are anxious if possible to reach an agreed solution of the various problems relating to Indian immigration into Burma.

As a result of preliminary discussions, in both Governments' opinion, the stage has been reached where personal negotiations offer reasonable prospect of success. The Raj therefore has accepted an invitation of the Government of Burma to send a delegation to Burma.

The Indian Delegation is led by Marsir Girjashsnker Bajpai, and the Burman Delegation by Mr. Paru Saw, the Premier.

The question of Indian immigration into Burma has been before the public and authorities for some time. Even before the separation of Burma from India the Royal Commission on Labour suggested an enquiry into Indian immigration into Burma. — Reuter.

TOKYO ENVOY RETURNS

After three weeks' absence the Japanese Minister to Thailand, Mr. Futami, returned yesterday from Tokyo where he had been to report to the Government on the situation in Thailand and also to consult with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, who besides being his official chief is also a personal friend. — Reuter.

ALL QUIET IN CYPRUS SO FAR

Reuter was informed authoritatively in London yesterday that there is no confirmation whatever of a report being circulated through enemy-controlled wireless channels that Cyprus has been subjected to German and Italian air attacks during the last 48 hours.

It was stated in London that there is no reason to believe any such attacks have taken place. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI ITALIANS SENTENCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

C. Constantini, secretary of the Italian Fascisti in Shanghai and member of the Shanghai Municipal Council Library Committee, was yesterday sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment with the alternative of a fine of 1,500 lira, sentence to be suspended for a period of five years, by Judge Rapex at the Italian Consular Court on assault charges preferred by George Leonoff, city editor of the "China Press."

Three accomplices, Messrs. Penucci, Morelli and Corigliani, were given 15 days or the alternative of a 750 lira fine, and sentences were also suspended for five years.

It will be recalled that the accused attacked Leonoff on May 23 for writing anti-Italian articles.

The victim was lured to the western district and an attempt was made to force him to drink castor oil. In the struggle the victim was knocked down, bruised and smeared with oil. The victim subsequently reported the matter to the Police who charged the Italians.—International News Service.

Mechanised Troops Head For Aleppo

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH ARMOURED FORCES WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO HAVE PENETRATED THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEIRUT, ON THE COAST OF SYRIA, OTHER ALLIED FORCES, AFTER SMASHING AN ATTEMPT BY NAZI PARACHUTE TROOPS TO HALT THEIR ADVANCE, ARE APPROACHING THE GATES OF DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

Fierce fighting is said to be in progress around Beirut after the Allied forces had captured at least nine key towns, some of which yielded voluntarily without a fight, and three Allied columns operating inland are closing in rapidly on Damascus.

Reuter reports that British forward elements are only 15 miles from Damascus. This is according to military circles in Cairo.

While the latest reports indicate an advance of British troops towards Damascus, well-informed circles in London last night declared they have no confirmation that the city has been occupied.

It is also understood that a mechanised division, moving from Iraq, should reach Aleppo soon and once it has arrived there it will turn south to join the Allied Forces from Palestine.

Air Clash

Meanwhile it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that British planes patrolling over British warships off the Syrian coast shot down five enemy planes.

BRITISH FIGHTERS DROVE OFF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING TO BOMB BRITISH MOTOR TRANSPORT AT ASNAMEIN. — REUTER.

THAILAND OPTIMISM

MAJOR OSTHANADA RETURNED TO BANGKOK FROM SINGAPORE YESTERDAY

He said that he was most optimistic regarding future Anglo-Thai relations and thanked Singapore for the generous hospitality throughout his sojourn.

He said that he also took every opportunity to clear up misunderstandings regarding political and economic trends in Thailand. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TO RECALL DELEGATE?

The belief is prevalent in quarters close to the Government in Tokyo that the chief delegate, Mr. Yoshizawa, will be recalled from Batavia, thus dimming the prospects of further negotiations.

Well-informed circles last night asserted that Japan's final attitude would be decided on when the Government or the Cabinet Council meets in a special liaison conference within the next few days, says an official Japanese report.

It adds it is understood that the Foreign Office is drafting a Note to the East Indies on the basis of discussions held yesterday morning among members of the Navy, Army and Foreign Office. —Reuter.

Darlan Says Nothing

ADMIRAL DARLAN, THE VICHY VICE-PREMIER, BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, MADE NO MENTION OF BRITAIN OR OF EVENTS IN SYRIA, SAYS REUTER.

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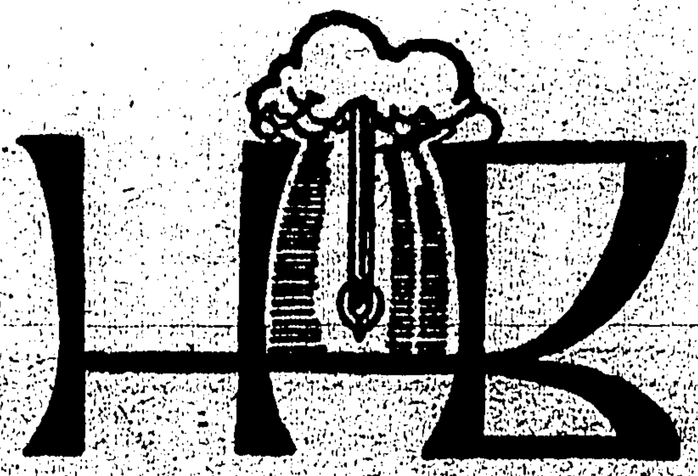

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CHURCHILL REVIEW OF WAR

Spirited Defence Of Policy

Mr. Hore-Belisha Blamed For Lack Of Equipment

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL BEGAN HIS REPLY TO THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IN AN EASY AND CONFIDENT TONE, DECLARING NOBODY COULD POSSIBLY COMPLAIN OF THE TONE, TEMPER AND MATTER OF THE DEBATE AND ADDING: "THE KIND OF CRITICISM WE HAVE HAD TO-DAY—SOME VERY SEARGHING—IS THE KIND THE GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY ACCEPT BUT WELCOME.

"However, the way in which the debate came about is calculated to give a feeling of challenge to the security of the administration. From the viewpoint of advantage to the country that raises serious considerations.

"There are all kinds of paragraphs and reports in the newspapers that there is grave uneasiness and unrest and demanding a 'full accounting.' Therefore one is bound to take a serious view because of the interests confided to our care.

"It would be a mistake if the House got into the habit of calling for explanations of the varying episodes of this dangerous and widespread struggle and asked for an account to be given when any action was lost or any part of the front was beaten in.

"In the first place, no full explanation could possibly be given without revealing valuable information to the enemy not only about the particular operation which is ended but about the general position and also on the processes of thought which are followed by our war direction and High Command.

"There is always a danger that a Minister may, in seeking to vindicate the course we have pursued, inadvertently say something which may supply the enemy with some essential, perhaps seemingly innocent looking, fact about which the enemy is in doubt and thus enable the enemy to construct a compressed and accurate picture of the way in which we are looking at things.

Hitler Did Not Explain

"The dictator governments are not under any similar pressure to explain or excuse any ill success that may befall them.

"Unlike these pretentious and formidable potentates, I am only a servant of the Crown, with considerable responsibility upon me, and they would not wish any servant whom they have entrusted with such duties to be at a disadvantage to our antagonists.

"I have not heard that Hitler had to attend the Reichstag and tell them why he sent the Bismarck on her disastrous cruise when, by waiting a few weeks and choosing his opportunity, when perhaps our capital ships were dispersed on convoy duty, she might have gone out accompanied by the Tirpitz, another 45,000-ton ship, and offered us battle.

"Neither have I heard any convincing statement by Mussolini why the greater part of his African Empire has been conquered and over 200,000 of his soldiers are prisoners in our hands.

Complicated Campaign

"I should feel under a needless disadvantage if I were obliged in public debate to give an account of our operations irrespective of whether the time was suitable or not.

"It would, for instance, have been a nuisance if Parliament had demanded a debate on the loss of Hood before we had been in a position to explain the measures we had taken to secure the destruction of the Bismarck.

"I have always taken very great pains to serve the House and always to associate the House with events, and it would be better if I were permitted, on behalf of Government, to choose the occasion for making a statement about the war, which I am most anxious to do. (Cheers).

"Another general reason why I should have deprecated a debate on the fighting in Crete is that it was only one part of a very important and complicated campaign which is being fought in the Middle East and can only be reviewed as one part.

Airfields In Crete

"TO SELECT ONE PARTICULAR SECTOR OF OUR WIDELY EXTENDED FRONT FOR DEBATE IS A PARTICULARLY LOPSIDED AND MISLEADING METHOD OF EXAMINING THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

"The vast scene can only be surveyed as a whole and ought not to be debated piecemeal, especially at a time when the operations, which are all related to one another, are wholly incomplete.

"Into a general survey of the war come all sorts of considerations about the gain and loss of time and its effect upon the future, as well as the entire distribution of our available resources to meet the many calls made upon them.

"For instance, Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked why it was, when we had Crete in our possession for more than six months, we did not construct numerous air fields and place them in the highest state of defence, and he reminded us how very efficiently the Germans would have done such work if Crete had fallen into their hands.

Guns Could Not Be Spared

"Everyone will admit it would have been a mistake to make a great number of air fields in Crete unless we could find anti-aircraft guns, both of high and low ceiling, and aircraft to defend those air fields, for that would simply have facilitated the descent of the enemy's air-borne troops upon the island.

"To answer the question why there were not enough guns provided for the two serviceable air fields in Crete, one would have to consider whether we could spare them for that purpose. That leads us to a wider sphere.

"All this time the Battle of the Atlantic has been going on and a very great number of guns which might usefully have been deployed in Crete have been and are being mounted in merchant vessels to beat off the attacks of Fokker Wulff and Heinkel aircraft whose depredations have been lessened thereby.

Great Risks

"Again, we must consider whether our air fields at home, our air factories or ports and cities, which are under heavy and dangerous attacks, should have been further denuded or stinted of guns in the last six months for the sake of the war in the Middle East beyond what we have done.

"Further, everything we send to the Middle East is out of action for the best part of three months as it has go round the Cape."

Mr. Churchill continued: "We have run very great risks and faced very serious maulings in this island in order to sustain the war in the Mediterranean, and nobody can be judge whether we should have run more risks or exposed ourselves to heavier punishment at home for the sake of fortifying and multiplying the Cretan air fields without having a full and intimate knowledge of all our resources and making a complete survey of the various claims upon them.

A Deterrent

"We did, however, from the moment the Greek Government invited us into Crete, take steps to defend the anchorage of Suda Bay as an important naval base, to develop the aerodrome nearby and provide the base and drome with the largest quantity of high and low ceiling guns which we thought it fit to divert from other strategic points in the Mediterranean.

"We provided, in fact, a deterrent to enemy attack sufficiently to require a major effort on his part.

"BUT THERE ARE MANY ISLANDS AND STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE SEAS, AND TO ATTEMPT TO BE SAFE EVERYWHERE IS TO MAKE SURE OF BEING STRONG NOWHERE.

"Therefore, if the House were able to go in detail into these matters, they might feel that a reasonable and right disposition of our forces was made, but without going into facts and figures, which nobody would wish me to do, it is quite impossible for the House, or even for the newspapers, to arrive at a justly proportioned and level judgment on this affair.

"But a man must be a perfect fool who thinks we have large quantities of A.A. guns and aircraft lying about unused at the present time.

Warning Four Years Ago

"So far as A.A. guns are concerned, as large and expanding as is our present production, every single gun is in action at some necessary point or other, and all future production for many months ahead is eagerly competed for by the rival claimants, with very often massive cases behind each one.

"In March, 1937, I mentioned to the House that the Germans had already 1,500 mobile A.A. guns, formed into batteries, in addition to the whole of their static artillery of A.A. defence.

"Since then they have been making them at a great rate and they have also conquered more than all they want from the many countries they have overthrown, so our position is very different indeed from them.

"To-day Mr. Hore-Belisha made a very cogent, moderate, well-informed and thoughtful contribution to the debate but he used a very different mood and tone in a speech which he recently delivered in the country.

"THAT MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO SAY THAT THE STATE IN WHICH OUR ARMY WAS LEFT WHEN MR. HORE-BELISHA HAD ENDED HIS TENURE OF THE WAR OFFICE, DURING THE GREATER PART OF WHICH HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY, WAS LAMENTABLE.

Hore-Belisha Interrupts

"We were short of every essential supply but most particularly of special classes of modern weapons, A.A. guns, anti-tank guns and the tank itself, which have proved themselves a vital necessity of modern war and which, he is now prepared to suggest, we are so purblind and out-dated as not to be able to comprehend."

(Here Mr. Hore-Belisha intervened to point out that in Belgium we lost the finest lot of equipment that had ever left British shores. He asked the Prime Minister to recall that up till very recently before the war, Parliament, and the country, was opposed to the creation of a continental army which, nevertheless, he tried to create).

Mr. Churchill proceeded: "I am dealing not with the particular equipment of the troops who went to France, who naturally drained the rest of our resources, but the equipment of our army at that time.

Hore-Belisha's Responsibility

"At the outbreak of war this was of a most meagre and deficient character and these deficiencies made themselves most marked and still make themselves most marked in the very type of weapons for which there is the greatest possible demand.

"I am not throwing all the blame for this upon Mr. Hore-Belisha but he has great responsibility in this matter and when he speaks in this way it is only fair to point out he is one of the last people who are entitled to take that line."

Here the Labour member, Mr. Granville, interposed "No recrimination."

Mr. Churchill continued: "Extremely violent hostile speeches have been spread about, doing much harm, and about which I have received information from different countries and capitals showing the uncertainty and disturbance which are caused thereby.

"The output of A.A. guns is at last rapidly expanding but the fact remains that our outfits are incomparably inferior in numbers to those possessed by the Germans, and every claim has to be weighed against every other claim.

"Another general question which may fairly be asked is why we have not a much stronger and much larger Air Force in the Middle East.

"I can only say that from the moment the Battle of Britain was decided in our favour, in September and October last year, by the victories of our fighters, we have been ceaselessly sending aircraft as fast as possible to the Middle East by every route and every method.

Nazi Advantages

"During the present year, as our strength in the air has grown, we have not been hampered as we were in the case of A.A. guns, by lack of aircraft. The problem has been to send them to the Eastern theatre of war.

"Anyone can see how great are the German advantages and how easy it is for the Germans to move their air force from one side of Europe to another.

"They can fly along a line of permanent air fields. Wherever they alight and refuel there are permanent air fields in the highest state of efficiency, and as for services and personnel and all stores without which squadrons are quite useless, these can go by the grand continental expresses along the main European lines.

Assault On Britain

"One has only to compare this process with sending aircraft packed in crates, then put on ships and sent on the great ocean spaces until they round the Cape of Good Hope, then taken to Egypt, set up again, tuned up and put in the air when they arrive.

"Thus the Germans can do in days what is taken us weeks or even more.

"THIS REFLECTION HAS A BEARING UPON A POSSIBLE GERMAN MOVEMENT BACK FROM EAST TO WEST, WHICH COULD BE EXECUTED VERY SECRETLY IF THEY ARE RESOLVED UPON AN ASSAULT ON THIS COUNTRY.

"We have done, are doing and will do our utmost to build up the largest possible air force in the Middle East. It is not a matter of aircraft but solely of transportation — not in the sense of shipping tonnage but to the time it takes to transfer under conditions of the present war.

"As to the disposition of our Air Force in the Middle East, it is primarily a matter for the Commanders-in-Chief in the Middle East, though Government share the full responsibility for whatever is done.

Co-ordination In Cairo

"Co-ordination between the Services is carried to a very high pitch. The Chief Air Officer lives in the same house in Cairo as the Commander-in-Chief.

"The Naval Commander-in-Chief has to be at sea very often. He has to be at Alexandria but the very closest association exists between these two branches.

"The idea that any one of these problems would be studied by these two commanders without the closest association with the other two is quite illusory."

(Here a Member queried "Who has the final say?")

No Disagreement

Mr. Churchill declared: "It isn't so much a question of the final say. No disagreement that I know of has arisen.

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Premier's Defence Of The Fighting In Middle East

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"Obviously the Army is the main factor in the business and the Fleet is preserving the security of the Army on the seas and preserving command of the seas, and the Air Force is assisting the Army and Fleet in all their functions.

"But in the event of any differences they can be settled in a few hours by reference here. These commanders have to settle it among themselves, although we share to the full responsibility for whatever is done.

"Apart from the effort we made in Greece, which was very costly in aircraft, the situation in Iraq and Palestine, and potentially in Syria, as well as the winding up of the Abyssinian story, have all made very heavy demands upon our aircraft and the situation in the Western Desert had also to be considered.

Can't Be Told

"Before any rational judgment could be formed on the disposition of our Air Force and the consequent failure to supply an adequate air force for Crete, it would be necessary, as in the case of A.A. guns, to know not only what are our whole resources but also what is the situation in these other theatres, which were all intimately inter-related.

"It is no use trying to judge these matters without full knowledge. Full knowledge cannot be made public.

"I come to the next stage of my argument. I have shown the foundations upon which we started and I now go a step forward.

"In March we decided to go to the help of Greece in accordance with our treaty obligations. This, of course, exposed us to the danger of being attacked in the Western Desert and also to defeat by overwhelming numbers in Greece, unless Yugoslavia played her part or unless the Greek Army could be extricated to hold some narrower line.

Attack On Crete

"If Greece was overrun by the enemy it seemed probable that Crete would be the next object of attack. The enemy with his vast local superiority in air power was able to drive our aircraft from airfields in Greece, and, adding this to his enormously superior anti-aircraft batteries, he was able to make those airfields rapidly available for his own use.

"Moreover, as the season was advancing, many more airfields became available to him as the weather improved and dried them up. It was evident, therefore, that the attack on Crete, if it were made, would be primarily an airborne attack for which again vastly superior hostile air force would be available.

"The question arose whether we should try to defend Crete or yield it without a fight. Nobody who bears responsibility for the decision to defend Crete was ignorant of the fact that conditions permitted only the most meagre British air support to be provided for our troops in the island or for the Fleet operating round the island. It was not a fact that dawned upon military and other authorities after the decision had been taken.

"It was the foundation of a difficult and harsh choice whether Crete should be defended without effective air support or whether the Germans should be permitted to occupy it without opposition.

"Some may say we should never fight without superior or at least ample air support, and ask when this lesson will be learned. But suppose you cannot have it.

"Questions to be settled are not always between what is good and bad. Very often it is a choice between two very terrible alternatives. If you cannot have this essential and desirable air support must you yield important key points one after another?

"OTHERS HAVE TOLD ME YOU SHOULD DEFEND NO PLACE THAT YOU CANNOT BE SURE YOU CAN HOLD. THEN ONE MUST ASK, CAN ONE EVER BE SURE HOW ONE EVER BE SURE HOW A FIGHT IT HAS BEEN FOUGHT?

"If the principle of not defending any place you cannot be sure of holding were adopted would not an enemy be able to make an unlimited number of valuable conquests without any fighting at all? Where would you make a stand and engage them with resolution?

Where Would We Be?

"A further question arises as to what would happen if you allowed the enemy to advance and overrun, without cost to himself, the most precious and valuable strategic points.

"Where would the Germans be now suppose we simply resigned the territory and strategic islands without a fight? Might they not at this early stage of the campaign of 1941 already be masters of Syria and Iraq and preparing themselves for an advance into Persia?

"The Germans in this war have gained many victories. They have easily overrun great countries and beaten down strong powers with little resistance. It is not only the question of time gained by fighting strongly even if at a disadvantage for important points, but there is also the vitally important principle of stubborn resistance to the will of the enemy.

Absurd Doctrine

"These are some of the arguments that deserve to be considered before you can adopt a rule that you have a certainty of winning at any point and that if you have not got it beforehand you must clear out. The whole history of the war shows the fatal absurdity of such a doctrine.

"It has been repeatedly proved that fierce and stubborn resistance even against heavy odds and under exceptional conditions or local disadvantage is an essential element in victory.

"The decision to fight for Crete was taken with the full knowledge that air support would be at a minimum, as anyone can see—apart from the question whether you have adequate supplies or not — who measures the distances from our air fields in Egypt and compares them with the distances from enemy air fields in Greece, and who acquaints himself with the radius of action of dive bombers and aircraft.

Full Personal Responsibility

"I take the fullest personal responsibility for that decision but the Chiefs of Staff, the Defence Committee, and General Wavell all not only thought Crete ought to be defended in circumstances which were fully before them, but that in spite of the lack of air support we had a good chance of winning the battle.

"NOBODY HAD ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE SCALE OF THE ENEMY AIRBORNE ATTACK. WE KNEW IT WOULD BE GIGANTIC AND INTENSE.

"Reconnaissances over Greek aerodromes showed an enormous mass of aircraft which were gathering there—many hundreds —and it turned out that the enemy had prepared to pay at unlimited price for this conquest and his resources when concentrated upon any particular point may often be overwhelming at that point."

Broadcasts By Officers

Referring to statements which had been ascribed to the spokesmen of the War Office and Air Ministry, the Prime Minister declared: "The officers who give these broadcasts are not acquainted with the control of affairs and with what is decided or thought or felt in the Chiefs of Staff Committee or the Defence Committee.

"I would very much have liked to stop them and in some cases I have reduced them in number.

"It is very risky to ask a professional officer to give a weekly expatiation on the war when, in the nature of things, although he may be very accomplished in his profession, he cannot know and ought not to know, the facts as they are understood at the secret meetings.

"At the same time one is appealed to ceaselessly to give more information to make the war more interesting to the people and to tell them more about what is going on, but it is not possible for the head of the Government or even for the Chiefs of Staff, to scrutinise beforehand these detailed weekly statements which are made.

No Illusions

"I think the matter must certainly be reconsidered (Hear, hear).

"AS I HAVE SAID, NOBODY HAD ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS SCALE OF THE AIR-BORNE ATTACK, THE GREATEST EVER DELIVERED IN THE WORLD, AND THAT WE SHOULD RESIST IT WITHOUT ANY BUT THE MOST RESTRICTED AIR SUPPORT ON OUR SIDE.

"Let us look at the anatomy of this Battle of Crete, which was undertaken in bleak circumstances.

"We hoped that the 25,000 to 30,000 good troops—I am making it a little vague—with artillery and a proportion of tanks, aided by Greek forces, would be able to destroy parachute and glider landings of the enemy and prevent him using the air fields or harbours.

Naval Losses

"Our army was to destroy airborne attacks while the Navy held off or destroyed sea-borne attacks. But there was a time limit.

"The action of the Navy in maintaining the northern sea guard without adequate air defence was bound to be very costly. It is known how serious were those losses.

"We could only stand a certain proportion of naval losses before the northern sea guard of the Fleet would have to be withdrawn.

"If, meanwhile, the Army could succeed in biting off the head of the whole terrific apparatus of the air-borne invasion before the naval time limit, or the loss limit, was reached, then the enemy would have to begin all over again.

"Having regard to the enormous unprecedented scale of the operation and the losses he would have to incur, he might well for the time being have at least broken it off — at any rate there would have been a long delay before he could have mounted it again.

The Critics

"That was the basis on which the decision was reached. What would our critics have said if we had given up Crete without firing a shot?

"We should have been told this had surrendered to the enemy the Key of the eastern Mediterranean that our communications with Malta and our power to interrupt the enemy's communications with Libya were grievously endangered.

"There is only too much truth in all that, although perhaps it will not in the end turn out too badly.

"Crete was an extremely important salient in our line of defence, like the Fort of Douaumont at Verdun in 1916, and like Kemmel Hill in 1918.

"These were taken by the Germans but in each case the Germans lost the battle and also the campaign, and in the end lost the war, but can you be sure the same result would have been achieved if the Allies had not fought for Douaumont and Kemmel Hill?

Relation To The Whole

"These battles can only be judged in their relation to the campaign as a whole.

"I have been asked why were the Cretan air fields not mined beforehand or again why were they not commanded by long-range gunfire, or why there were not more tanks allotted to their defences, and so on.

"I can answer these but I do not propose to discuss tactics here because it is quite impossible for us to fight battles in detail either beforehand or afterwards from Whitehall or from the Commons.

"His Majesty's Government, in their responsibility to Parliament, choose the best generals they can find, set before them the broad strategic objects of a campaign, ask the necessary searching questions, offer them any advice or counsel that may seem fitting and then support them to the best of their power in men and munitions and also, so long as they retain their confidence, they support them with loyal comradeship in failure or success.

Only Answer To Defeat

"It is impossible to go into tactical details and I never remember in the last War, in those great battles which cost something like forty, fifty or 70,000 men — I am talking of battles of a single day — and in which sometimes there were grave errors made, they were often made the subject of an arraignment of the Government in the Commons.

"It is only where great strategic issues of policy come that it is fitting for us to endeavour to form a final opinion.

"DEFEAT IS BITTER. THERE IS NO USE IN TRYING TO EXPLAIN DEFEAT. PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE DEFEAT AND DO NOT LIKE EXPLANATIONS, HOWEVER ELABORATE OR PLAUSIBLE. THE ONLY ANSWER TO DEFEAT IS VICTORY. —REUTER.

M.P. WON'T FIRE-WATCH

Mr. J. McGovern, M.P., declared recently at the I.L.P. conference that he would refuse to fire-watch at the House of Commons.

"I have received an intimation that I am expected, with Mr. Maxton, to do a few hours on certain nights as a fire-watcher and spotter on the roof of the House of Commons," he said.

"I cannot rise to such heights as that in defence of Parliamentary democracy, and I am prepared to assign that job to Herbert Morrison." (Laughter).

He objected, he said, to every form of compulsory fire-watch.

CANTEEN IN A CHURCH

Sacrificing part of their rations, parishioners are running a canteen in a church vestry for workers who attend the mid-day services during Holy Week.

Those who take their own luncheons are allowed to eat them in church.

"We have tried it as an experiment, and it has been very successful," the Rev. C. Bardsley, of St. Mary's Church Woolwich told a reporter.

"It has enabled workers and business people, who otherwise would not have the time to attend to come to the services."

This year's Good Friday church attendances were larger.

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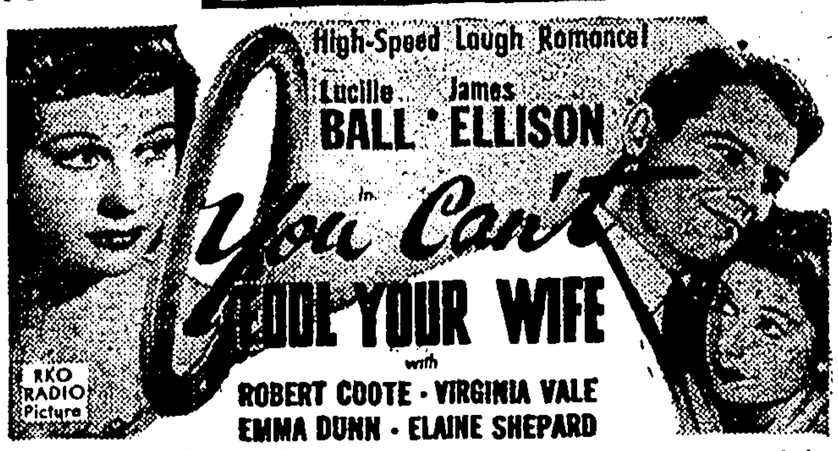

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Riviera Only Echo Of Brilliant Past

ONLY A scattering of rich Frenchmen, Britons, American "die-hards" and refugees are left on the Riviera, which is only an echo of its brilliant past.

Luxury hotels have only a fifth of their capacity in occupancy. Only a few hundred persons now stroll where thousands used to appear at fashionable hours. Instead of expensive limousines of the past, most travel now is by bicycle.

Many women have abandoned the wearing of now rare and expensive silk stockings. Luxury shops lining the broad avenues are hit by clothing rationing and the lacking of wealthy visitors.

Several hundred yachts, mostly sailing craft, are huddled in the harbour. Their owners optimistically overhaul their gear.

Many villas where international society used to gather are shuttered, and only the Englishmen who were unable to leave and a few Americans have stayed on in them. These complain of the difficulty of obtaining food, the high prices, inability to use gas-empty automobiles and the general lack of festivity.

The food is good if you can afford to pay at least $1.50 for a meal.

It is estimated that 2,700 British and more than 700 Americans still are on the Riviera.

Nice Is Crowded

No city in the unoccupied zone of France is gay these days, but the least mournful is this holiday resort of better years to which refugees from all Europe have fled.

Theatres, opera, and the broad Promenade des Anglais are crowded.

The strollers along the blue Mediterranean's edge speak English, German, Polish, Russian and Czech more often than French. Most are well dressed.

Eagerly they snap up Swiss newspapers and gather in excited groups for serious conversation, so it is clear they are not holiday-makers.

Back of the "boardwalk" section of the city this veneer of a resort city of well-dressed people is absent.

Gaping shop windows show where irreplaceable stock has disappeared. The effects of food and clothing restriction also are more visible.

As in all France, if you have the money you can eat well. If you haven't, you eat poorly.

One foreign official who has lived for many years in Nice said the food situation was especially serious for families below middle class and for many above. As in all areas and in all rationed countries, there is a "black" market for food — with butter at $2 per pound, but few Frenchmen can afford it.

The United States Consulate is the headquarters for British relief on the Riviera and a staff of 20 persons under the Vice-Consul is occupied solely with British interests.

Several hundred persons daily inquire for American visas or ask questions, and a total of 4,000 applications are listed.

CHURCHILL GETS AID FROM ITALY-TEXAS

Winston Churchill is getting some financial aid from Italy—the one in Texas.

Mailing a $5 cheque to the Prime Minister, Ferrell Windham wrote in a letter, beginning "Dear Winston," that he had no scrap iron at this time "and darned little money. But of the latter I will give you the biggest part as it seems you have hit it hard in the Balkans."

"In sending you this cheque, I hope the Bank of England won't charge you anything for making the collection," Mr. Windham added. "Should you run short, just let me know by radio and I will see what I can do."

AS NAZIS INTEND IT TO BE

"Our frontier is on the Somme," says Hitler.

France as Hitler intends it to be.

A few weeks after Munich, according to reliable information recently mentioned in a B.B.C. broadcast in French, Hitler in the flush of his triumph called a meeting of the inner council of his friends, one of whom, however, was an informer of a neutral embassy.

"France," said Hitler, "must be brought back to its frontiers of before the Thirty Years War. The real frontier of the German empire is on the Somme. Metz, Toul and Verdun are imperial towns and belong to the Reich. These three towns are the keys to France. The treaties of Munster and of Osnabruck, in 1648, cheated Germany of her natural rights. This will be redressed before 1948."

While no mention was made anywhere of this meeting it is significant that the German press at the time began to talk of the peace of Westphalia of 1648. Dr. Silex, Werner von Kries, Adolf Halfeld, Dr. Boettiger, so many minds with but a single thought, repeated day in day out that the "chains" of Osnabruck and the "Diktat" of Munster, although 300 years old, would not be tolerated by the German people.

Most significant was the text of a speech by Konrad Henlein published by "Die Zeit" on April 20, 1940: "Now begins the second phase of the war. The Fuehrer will not content himself with tearing up the Diktat of Versailles. He will make for ever impossible a treaty like that imposed on Germany 300 years ago at the end of the Thirty Years War. Still further will our Fuehrer go, far back into the past, back to the splendour of our Middle Ages when our German emperors were the masters of Europe and the world."

It is more than a coincidence that the frontier of the Somme has in effect been re-established by the German invader. The departments of the Pas de Calais and the Nord are already administratively detached from the rest of France and attached to the Kommandantur of Brussels.

REDS LIKE JOKES ON THE AXIS

The Russians, despite the war around them and the cares of their life at home, still find time to tell jokes.

The stories they tell give an insight into what they are thinking, which you won't find recorded in the political columns of "Pravda" or the military commentaries of the "Red Star" but which is an important part of the Soviet viewpoint.

The policy of their Government has been one of strict neutrality, and even of economic aid to Germany, while pressing forward with a campaign of internal reconstruction. The leanings of the people are not all in that direction.

Their jokes often are sympathetic to England.

There is, for example, the one about Hitler, Mussolini, and Churchill going to ask a fortune-teller who would win the war.

The soothsayer produced two fishbowls, one full of water and fish, the other empty, and said:

"The one who captures the fish first will win the war."

Hitler immediately plunged into the full bowl, splashing water around and grabbing for the fish, but got nothing. Mussolini danced around the edge, afraid to get his hands wet, but hoping in vain for Hitler to throw the fish his way.

Churchill produced a teaspoon, patiently dipped the water from the full bowl into the empty one, picked the fish out of the bottom and was proclaimed eventual winner of the war.

"But didn't it take him a long time?" comes the tag-line.

"Sure," is the answer, "but Churchill's in no hurry."

The jokes often take the Italians as their butt.

There is the very brief one about the "British communique."

"Ten thousand Italians and 2,000 mules have been made prisoners is East Africa. The mules offered fierce resistance."

Perhaps these stories are old stuff in America, but it is significant that they are being told now in Russia.

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LIFE OWED TO RADIO

"We are like a very small British Colony—and it is good to feel we are in touch with home."

That is how an R.A.F. pilot described a bomber crew when out on a raid, and their dependence on wireless. He was speaking to the workers in a factory which, before the war, turned out a well-known make of wireless set, but which is now entirely given over to the production of radio equipment for aircraft.

Visits to factories by pilots and other members of aircraft crews arranged by the Ministry of Aircraft Production, are proving of the utmost value in stimulating the workers. Many factory jobs are dull; many, under conditions of mass production, are so remote from the finished article as to seem almost pointless. But now that crews visit factories and factory workers visit R.A.F. stations the workers in the shops meet the flying men. They learn how vital to the R.A.F. is the humblest job in the production of aircraft and of aircraft equipment.

At this particular radio factory the visiting pilot was accompanied by two sergeants, one a wireless-operator and the other an air gunner with a newly conferred D.F.M. Each had been on many bombing raids. They spent the morning and afternoon at the factory going round the benches. In the lunch hour they each briefly addressed the workers assembled in the factory canteen.

The wireless-operator was able to speak technically about radio; the air gunner described raids to Berlin and Milan; and the pilot—a Flying Officer — made it clear that he owed his life to wireless. His aircraft, badly shot about, was obliged to come down in the sea; but an S.O.S. had already been sent out, and after 12 hours in a rubber boat he and his crew were rescued.

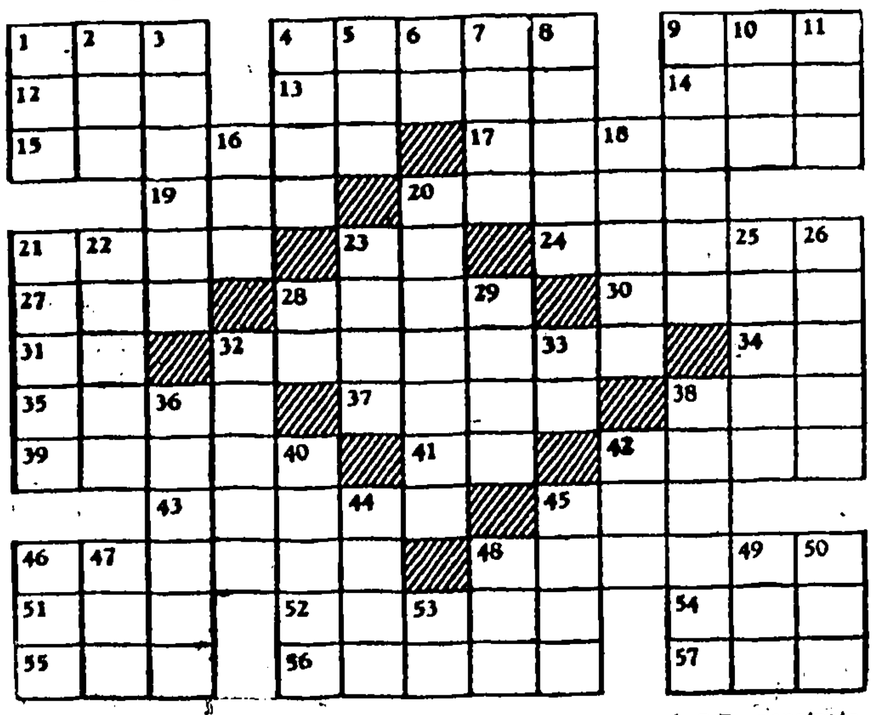
The applause which greeted the speakers was not merely polite. This was shown by the subsequent rush to secure their autographs. For quite twenty minutes they were kept busy scribbling.

WATCH AFRICA CLOSELY

Frenchmen in London are contantly repeating to their British friends, "Watch Africa." Everything is being done in North Africa to betray the French Empire and, they say, to betray Great Britain.

Mr. de Brinon, Ambassador in Paris of Vichy, said in an interview with an American journalist that "collaboration with Germany must be extended to the African continent," adding. "It is in our best interests to associate in the minds of the natives the long built up prestige of France with the prestige of our German conqueror."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To take unlawfully
4 Division of society
9 Informer
12 Flurry
13 Foreign
14 American writer
15 Former Balkan kingdom
17 Passageway connecting two bodies of water
19 Sped
20 To pilot
21 Ancient city in Asia Minor
23 By
24 Honey-badger
27 To chop
28 Melodies
30 Stride
31 Siberian river
32 Eight-armed cephalopod
34 Note of scale
35 To vend
37 Card game
38 Fuel
39 To omit
41 Teutonic deity
42 Lane
43 Windows
45 Droning noise
46 Reluctant
48 To walk with difficulty
51 Split pulse
52 Hebrew prophet
54 Rowing implement
55 Some
56 Italian poet
57 Cleaning substance

VERTICAL
1 Ethiopian title
2 Poem
3 To take as one's own
4 Son of Adam
5 Wing
6 Italian for "yes"
7 To examine
8 To penetrate
9 Ancient rival of Athens
10 Hawaiian dish
11 However
16 Body of water
18 Harvests
20 Oarsmen
21 The ones there
22 Resent control
23 Isles
25 Splendour
26 Confining strap
28 Suffix: affected by
29 To box
32 More aged
33 Low note
36 Energetic
38 To frolic
40 Ancient chariot
42 English slang: tavern
44 Membrane
45 Rubber tube
46 Girl's name
47 Moving-truck
48 Head-covering
49 To place
50 Before—
53 Nook

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

REYNAUD ANECDOTE

The trial of M. Reynaud and others still seems a long way off. They are being held at the instigation of the Germans. Some of those who were with the principal actors in the drama of the downfall of France are now in England. One of them, who is carrying on the good fight for Free France, was with M. Reynaud in the automobile that was taking them to Bordeaux. The French statesman was depressed in the expreme.

The automobile was stopped by the closing of the barriers at a level crossing. It was not long before the presence of the Premier was discovered. A crowd gathered round the vehicle. It was a crowd really representative of France, said the describer of the incident, for in addition to the local inhabitants there were refugees and soldiers from all parts of the country.

"How unpopular I must be!" the French premier murmured.

To his surprise the crowd cheered him loudly, and on all sides was the cry of "Vive Reynaud!" Appeals were made to him fight on.

"You see, Monsieur le President du Conseil, that is the answer of France."

But the leader was broken in spirit; it was too late. Energetic action, the arrest of half a dozen ministers, and the story to-day might well be a different one.

BOMBED KITTEN AS MASCOT

Airmen, passing a bomb shattered house after an Italian air raid on Suda Bay, Crete, heard the mewing of a cat in the ruins. Villagers said it had been there for three days.

For three hours the Royal Air Force men dug deep down among the ruins, rescued the kitten, and dressed its wounds. It is now a happy member of the squadron.

Another squadron in Greece had a mascot which answers to the name of "Blenheim Mark Four." He is one of a litter of eight puppies which were born in the cockpit of a Blenheim bomber on the aerodrome.

Anti-aircraft gunners at another R.A.F. aerodrome in Greece, have adopted a baby donkey, which, so they declare, brays only at the approach of enemy aircraft—and the dinner hour.

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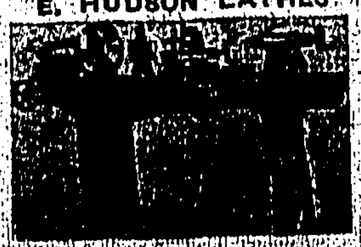

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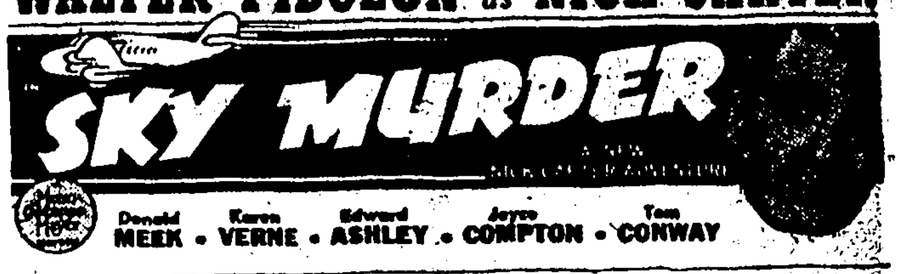

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French Industries Working To-Day On Nazi Orders

(By Kenneth Downs, I.N.S. Correspondent)

ABOUT 90 PER CENT. of French industry is working to-day on German order, according to both French and foreign economic experts in France. Thus, Franco-German "collaboration" in every important practical sense except the military, is in full swing and has been for months despite the windy discussions at Vichy which have tended to give the outside world the impression collaboration was something yet to be determined.

Industrial collaboration with Germany started immediately after the signing of the Armistice last June. The opinion was universal in France at that time that the defeat of Britain and the end of the war was but a few weeks off. Industrialists, almost without exception, hurried to climb on Germany's new European bandwagon.

By October 1, French industries had contracted for the manufacture of Fr. 2,700,000,000 worth of war materials for Germany. These included Fr. 600,000,000 worth of aluminum by the Aluminum Company of France (near Marseilles): Fr. 240,000,000 for optical instruments by the Lavollois Company. Fr. 983,000,000 for locomotives, Fr. 75,000,000 for barges. Fr. 8,000,000 for Morane 'planes.

Those figures were just up to October 1, 1940. Since then they have been enormously surpassed. The list of industries letting contracts which made up the Fr. 2,700,000,000 figure did not include the big automobile, rubber and steel industries which are now working on German order.

The material for which these contracts entered was, of course, far exceeded in value by equipment and goods which were requisitioned and sequestered. For example 450 boats were seized outright, thousands of automobiles and trucks, rolling stock, and vast supplies of grain, gas and oil. Total value ran into milliards of francs.

Must Collaborate Or Close

Many of the industrialists who rushed in to work for Germany last summer, thinking a British defeat near, are not so sure of German victory now and do not enjoy their position. However, they are dependent on Germany for raw materials and they must collaborate or close.

I heard of only one instance in which a big industrialist refused to work for Germany. He was tough, lion-hearted Prince Poniatowski of the famed French-Polish family, managing director of Hispano-Suiza Co., makers of luxury cars and aeroplane motors. He was arrested and taken to Germany when persuasion failed. His workers rallied to him and blew up the great underground motor works which he had built for wartime production of 'plane motors. The Germans stripped part of the factory of its machine tools, taking them to Germany, and forced what was left of the plant to go to work.

It is easy to see the extent to which Germany monopolises the output of French industry at this time if you try to buy a new automobile or a new tyre. It is almost impossible to buy a new car although the Renault, Matford and other factories are hard at work. It is about a four-day job to buy a tyre—if you can do it at all. You must go to the prefect of your department and prove your absolute need of a tyre and obtain a special requisition before you can make the purchase.

Recently the big Potez 'plane factory at Amiens, badly damaged during the battle of France, went into operation, its output going to the Luftwaffe.

American Capital Involved

French subsidiaries of American companies are in the same boat with other French industries. They must collaborate or shut down. These include the Matford company (French Ford) and the Goodrich Tire Co. The Goodrich Company had piled up enormous stocks of rubber before the war started. Most of it fell into German hands. There is no legal recourse to Washington because these subsidiaries were organised as French firms.

Industrialists in France are divided to-day on the question of collaboration. Those who feel Germany will win the war feel there is no choice but to go along under the new order. But those who think Germany is not going to win—and there are an increasing number of these—are considerably distressed at having to work for Germany now.

There is continual sabotage but not on an important scale. Workers caught committing acts of sabotage are shot. Those suspected of sabotage, are bundled off to concentration camps. Best estimates place the number of Frenchmen in concentration camps at between 15,000 and 20,000. A good percentage of these are workmen considered not "safe."

SACRIFICE SAVED 18

To rescue eighteen torpedoed Greek seamen, near to death after five days of exposure in a small boat in bitter weather, skipper Bob Wright, of Fleetwood, sacrificed his catch of fish.

Though the water was teeming with fish and he knew he would lose hundreds of pounds, Skipper Wright ordered "Full speed for port" when he saw the condition of the rescued men.

His gallant action brought him a double reward.

Crew Gave Away £50

From the Greek Government, in gratitude—a gold watch for himself and £50 for his crew.

From the fishing grounds, when he resumed his trip — a record catch. Sold by auction in Fleetwood Market, it realised £4,824 —£700 for each of seven days' fishing.

Skipper Wright found the watch waiting for him when he brought his loaded trawler home. "Thank you," was all he could say when they presented it to him in the Town Hall.

His crew said "Thank you" for the £50 too. But they declined to accept it. It was given to the Fishermen's Benevolent Fund.

NUNS INTERNED IN BARRACKS

There are still 2,900 British civilians interned at Besancon.

This was ascertained on a recent visit by Dr. Marcel Junod, delegate of the International Red Cross Committee, according to the Swiss Telegraphic Agency.

Dr. Junod found here were 500 sick and aged British internees in St. Jacques' Hospital and 2,400 persons including 450 nuns, interned in the Vatban Barracks.

Dr. Junod was able to confirm the safe arrival on January 25 and 26 of 5,900 British Red Cross parcels by way of Geneva, through the Central Prisoners of War Agency. These were distributed on January 28 and 29.

KING CAROL FORGOT HOTEL BILL

When ex-King Carol of Rumania fled from Spain he overlooked the formality of paying his hotel bill.

The Portuguese Count Mafra, however, went to settle the account and take charge of the King's four dogs.

Having waited until the bill was paid, one of the dogs turned on the Count and bit him.

R.A.F. WON'T HAVE SAMMY THE SMILER

Once a week "Sammy the Smiler," ex-crook, now receptionist at a London club, is given the keys of twenty-six shops when he goes on all-night fire duty.

He is trusted with the keys of a jeweller's shop and a fur store. So far he has put out thirty-seven incendiary bombs.

But when Sammy volunteered to be an air gunner in the R.A.F., and was accepted as a flight mechanic, he was discharged after a month's deferred service —because of his criminal record.

Sammy came into a newspaper office recently broken-hearted because the R.A.F. will not have him. This is the story he told:—

Passed In—And Out

"I am thirty, and I have served ten years in prison for smash-and-grab robberies. In August, when I came from Wandsworth Prison after my fourth term, I decided to go straight.

"I got a job as a receptionist at a West End club. When fire-watching came in I was put on that once a week.

"I volunteered as an air gunner at Duke's Road, Euston, recruiting station, and told them about my record. They turned me down.

"When I registered I expressed a preference for the R.A.F. I was passed A1 at my medical, but at the exam., for gun crews, they told me I was not up to the educational standard. Would I become a flight mechanic? I said I would. My criminal record was known to the recording officer.

"I was passed into the Air Force on January 1 this year, and placed on deferred service. On March 4 I received a registered letter. It contained my discharge."

No Reason

Air Ministry comment was: "This man's case came up for review, and the Air Ministry decided he should be diapharged. No reason can be given. The discharge of a man is at the discretion of the Ministry."

CHINA MAIL
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A "HUMAN NEEDS" DIET

The Oxford Institute of Statistics in its latest bulletin makes a most interesting attempt to find out what it costs now to obtain a "human needs" diet—a properly balanced diet for the family of low income. Prices were collected from the cheapest shops in Oxford and a diet compiled to correspond as nearly as possible in nutritional values with that laid down by the British Medical Association.

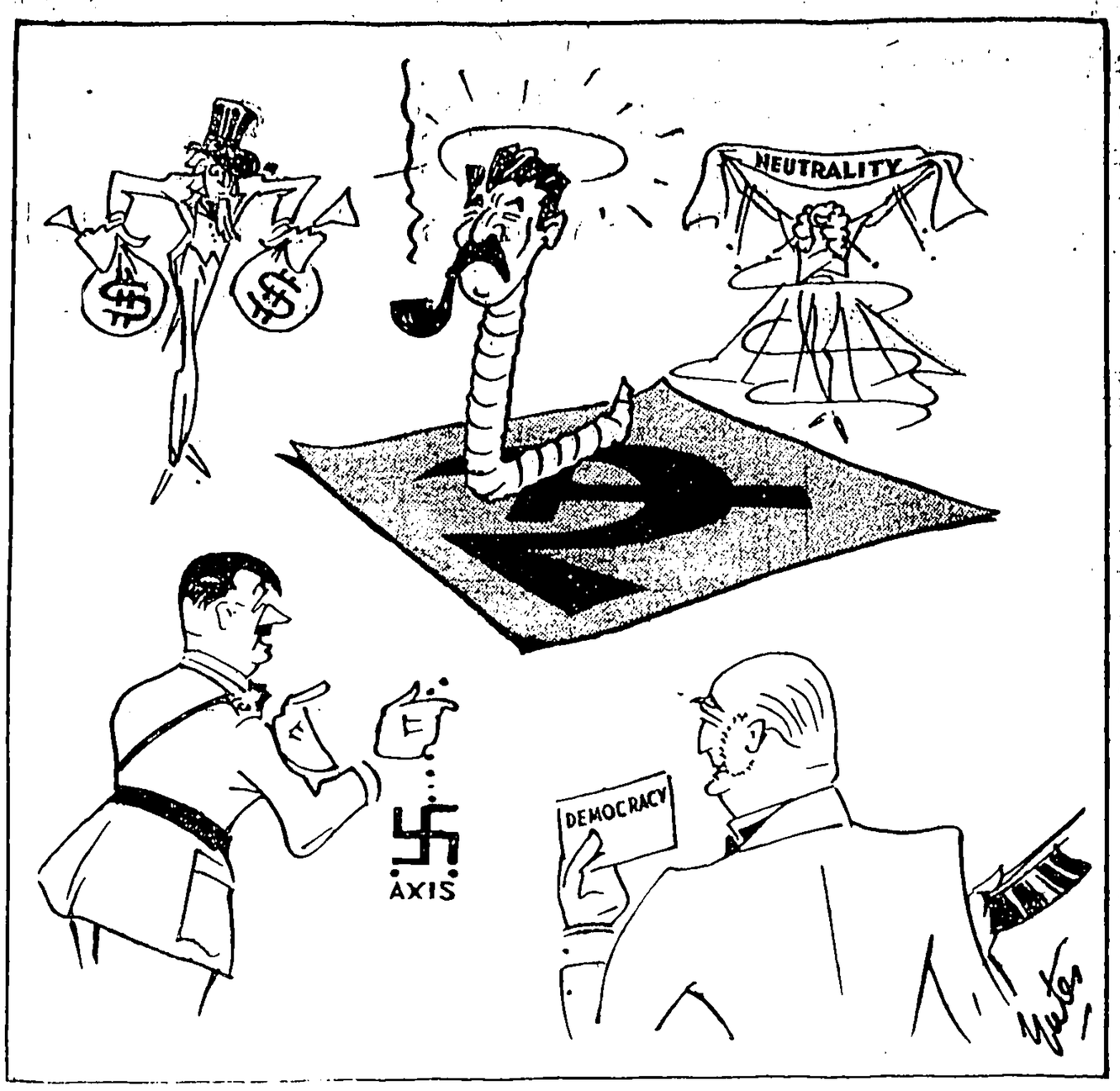
Mr. Seebohm Rowntree's inquiry in 1936 put the cost of such a "human needs" diet for a man, wife, and three young children at 23s. 5d. a week. The Oxford inquiry last month puts it at 32s.

So, in spite of the partial substitution of cheap for more expensive foods, the outlay will be 41 per cent. more than in 1936. In the same period the Ministry of Labour's food index has risen by about 27 per cent. (20 per cent. since the war).

The comparison does not speak well for the present-day value of the official index. The diet is, however, short of Vitamin C and probably also of iron and calcium. Its mineral content and also its richness in the Vitamin B group would probably be improved if brown were substituted for white bread—a matter of taste and of price. The shortage of fruit makes it difficult to supply the Vitamin C deficiency at moderate cost.

While theoretically the diet may be reasonably adequate, the average housewife, it is urged, will scarcely be able to supply it to her family, since it involves more time spent in shopping and more cooking than is usually possible to her.

The conclusion, and it is an important one, is that such a diet could only be made generally available if people were to be supplied with one communal meal a day.



WHERE WILL THE WORM TURN?

A Self-Educated Army

By W.E. Williams

Most people are vaguely aware that, after many false starts, there is an Army education scheme in action, but they know very little about its purpose or about the way it works. Until a few weeks ago, apart, of course, from technical military training, there was one single educational source in the adult education bodies of Great Britain. These bodies, working through regional committees provided Army and R.A.F. units with lectures and discussions on a wide variety of subjects. The massed resources of university extension, W.E.A., local education authorities, &c. were thus lent, at first on a voluntary basis, to those citizens who had also become soldiers and airmen for the duration.

But adult education in peacetime provides lecturers for an audience not one-twentieth the size of the Army to-day. The only possible way of supplementing this inadequate ration of imported education was for the Army to attempt to produce some of its own education. In its wise and imaginative pamphlet "Education in the War-time Army," as well as in later instructions, the War Office has urged on units the importance of developing their own cultural resources, and to-day, although the Army is using to the full the available services of the adult education bodies, it is also increasing, week by week, the number of "home-produced" educational classes. Unit education officers are now finding and using the teaching talent of officers and men at a rapidly increasing rate.

Any one who has spent a few weeks observing at close quarters the development of the new Army education scheme is at first bewildered by the contrasts it presents. In one unit the only sample you are offered is a weekly debate on such a topic as "Amateur v. professional in sport" or a spirited performance by a small percussion band. But in another unit you will find a timetable which includes within a single week classes in French, German, music, drama, world affairs, local government, elementary science, and archaeology. There are units so well off in teaching talent that they can not only provide their own men with a wide choice of subjects but can also lend their surplus to their poorer neighbours. In many places, again, the soldiers still depend entirely on the "imported" educational rations instead of providing their own.

The truth is that in this still tentative and experimental scheme several policies are operating, and not all of them are effective or even desirable. In some places, for example, the well-meaning but premature policy was tried of "training the men for the return to civil life." On this basis artisans were coaxed to consider the advantages of a black-coated life after the war and for a few brief and disillusioning weeks tried to learn book-keeping or shorthand or commercial French. This idea is now less favoured, and the local education authorities are better engaged, apart from the considerable aid they are giving in technical training, in arranging courses in handicrafts, drama, music, and similar constructive kinds of recreation.

Another policy which gained a hold for a time was the anti-boredom line. It is probable that some commanding officers who would have been indifferent to "education for its own sake" were persuaded to push the scheme for its value in keeping the men occupied in the winter evenings. The weakness of the anti-boredom policy was that it tended to develop an indiscriminating idea of education. "Any old thing to interest the men" is an attitude which might soon produce the effect of a Gresham's Law and reduce educational effort to a sheer entertainment level. But one hears far less from commanding officers to-day than one did a few months ago about the anti-dote value of education and far more about its value as a stimulus to thought and as a provoker of positive new interests and occupations.

The growing understanding within the Army of the real cultural purposes of an educational system is best shown in the emphasis now set upon discussion. At first there used to be something of a parade atmosphere about this voluntary system. The "high spot" of the proceedings was regarded as What the Lecturer Said. The present inclination is to consider the lecture as the preliminary to an unfettered give-and-take of opinion among the men — feature all the more healthy because several officers are usually among the audiences.

Another good symptom is the effort being made to organise continuous courses in a subject rather than a series of unrelated lectures.

After a slow and uncertain start Army education has got on to the right lines and is developing at a surprisingly good pace. Its administration is in the very capable and enthusiastic hands of the Army Education Corps, recently reinforced by a keen "intake" of men who were W.E.A. tutors, officers of a local education authority, schoolmasters, and so on. Conditions of military training and movement make the whole scheme something of an obstacle race, yet those same conditions are making units realise that, however valuable the service they get from civilian sources, the only education scheme they can be sure of wherever they go is the one they provide for themselves. It is all the more lamentable that the A.T.S., so much more stationary, than the men, have so far shown the most tepid interest in providing similar facilities for the women.

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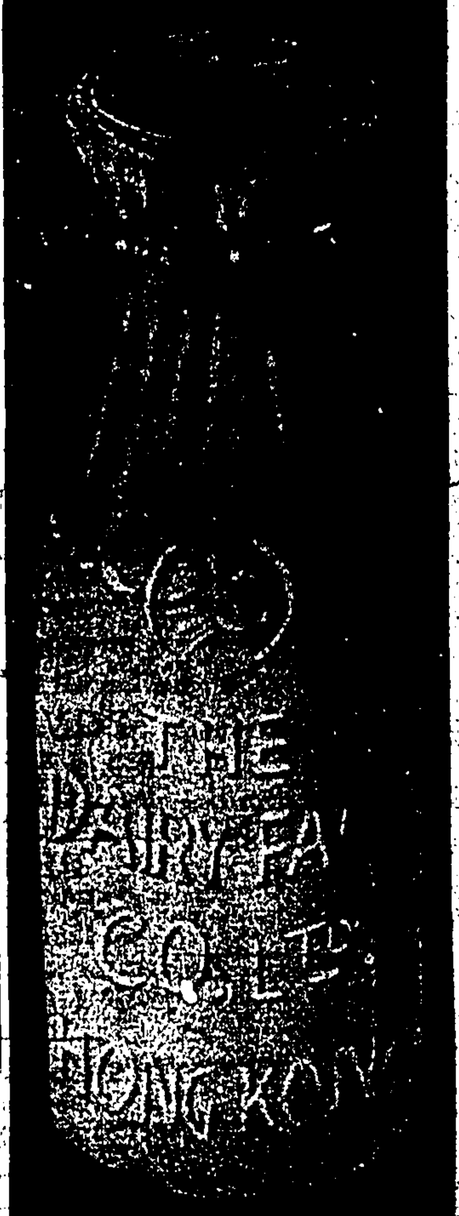

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M.P.s--71 AND 43--TALK OF THEIR YOUTH v AGE DUEL

SIR HENRY FILDES, 71-years-old M.P. who has challenged a 30-years-younger M.P. to billiards, running, tennis, and squash — he has already won the billiards — spends only three hours a night in bed.

"Ninety-seven per cent. of people die in bed," he said to a reporter recently, "so they won't catch me there."

Sir Henry is M.P. for Dumfries, and lives at Kerridge, near Macclesfield.

Mr. Edgar Granville (Lib. Nat., Eye, East Suffolk) criticised old men in a recent speech in the Commons. So Sir Henry, being assistant whip of the Liberal Party besides an old man, felt it was up to him to prove that the old 'uns were as good as the young 'uns, physically besides mentally.

Staying Power

He challenged "young" Mr. Granville to 100-up at billiards, a mile running race, a set at lawn tennis, and a game of squash.

When they played off the billiards Mr. Granville reached 99 when Sir Henry was still at 78.

"That's where my staying power came in," said Sir Henry. "I ran to 99 too—and then left him a double baulk."

Sir Henry is not going into training for the other tests. He says he has no need to.

"These lads must be put in their place and I shall do it because I'm a stayer.

"I go to bed at four in the morning and I'm up again at seven.

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"After midnight I read and play patience. I'm no crank.

"I keep fit by being moderate and sensible. I smoke eight cigarettes a day and enjoy a drink.

"I also enjoy hard work. When people ask me how I made £50,000 out of cotton I tell them I always went to work half an hour before my work-people and stayed an hour longer.

"When I'd been doing this for years my father left me forty-nine thousand nine hundred pounds nineteen shilling and threepence.";

It is now up to Mr. Granville to fix the time and place for the running, tennis, and squash.

Sir Henry is ready — "The sooner the better. I'll teach these youngsters. After all these jousts Mr. Granville will have to take his place at the bottom of the class."

Mr. Granville's comment was: "I hope Sir Henry will not collapse on the track."

MOLLISON TO FERRY BOMBERS

—Over Atlantic

Jim Mollison — who blazed the East-West air trail across the Atlantic in 1933—is now on "the other side" ready to ferry American bombers to Britain.

His great ambition was to join the "Atlantic Ferry Pool," so he became a junior member of Air Transport Auxiliary.

He quickly adapted himself to the discipline of this Service, and was soon able to fly any of the many types which A.T.A. handle.

Several hundred applications have poured in from men anxious to join the ferry pools as a result of Lord Londonderry's broadcast appeal for men up to 50 years of age.

Many had considerable experience during the last war. Some of these, flight tested, find they are a lot older than they thought, and it is not quite so easy coming back to it after 23 years.

HOW W.A.A.F. GOT ITS UNIFORM

Women of the W.A.A.F. very nearly did not have Air Force blue for their uniform — but khaki, like their comrades of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, of which they originally formed a part. And they only just missed losing their chosen peaked caps in favour of a hat on the lines of that worn by the W.R.N.S.

When, some months before the war started, what is now the W.A.A.F. still formed part of the A.T.S., the only distinguishing feature in the uniform of the "R.A.F. Companies" was an R.A.F. eagle embroidered in red on each shoulder of the khaki jacket. The decision at that time not to dress the R.A.F. Companies in blue, taken with great reluctance, was due to the dearth of blue cloth, all of which was required for the rapidly expanding Air Force.

It quickly became evident however that the women's Service working with the R.A.F. must have a separate identity, as did its predecessor of the last war—the Women's Royal Air Force. And even before the R.A.F. Companies were finally severed from the A.T.S. and formed into the W.A.A.F., it was felt that somehow the women must have Air Force blue, even if they had to wait a long time for it. The final word came from Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal—then Air Member of Council for Personnel. He said "It much be blue."

A new style uniform was then devised, the authorities wisely giving consideration to the women's own point of view. The result was the present distinctive blue uniform, with its slightly flared skirt and a tunic and cap which follows as closely as possible that worn by officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force. A special feature, unique in the uniforms of the Women's Services, is that badges of rank, as well as cap badges and buttons, are identical with those of the fighting Service to which the women are attached. This is regarded as a high honour. At first there was some doubt whether the cap badge and buttons of the R.A.F. could legally be adopted by the W.A.A.F., but this was settled when it was shown that similar badges and buttons were worn by the P.M.R.A.F. Nursing Service.

When Royal approval for the uniform was sought it was suggested that a different headdress might be an improvement. But, as this was a very special case, the King left the choice to the members themselves. They asked to be allowed to stick to their peaked cap, and His Majesty was glad to let the ladies have their own choice.

And so was born the modern uniform of the W.A.A.F. proudly worn by many thousands of women from all walks of life, of whom many have added to the laurels of the Flying Service by deeds of valour whilst serving at R.A.F. Stations.

AMERICANS 'MARVELLOUS' TO BRITISH CHILDREN

Nearly 100 parents of children evacuated to the U.S.A. met in London recently for the inauguration of "The Kinsmen," an association for fostering friendship with the U.S.A. and for keeping in better touch with the British children there.

Founder and chairman of the movement is blue-eyed petite Mrs. Lucie Bemrose, of Derby; committee members are mothers and fathers of the evacuated children.

At the meeting letters and snapshots from the children were exchanged and snatches of conversation such as "Doesn't Winnie look fine," "This is Johnny when he left home, and this is his latest snap."

"Hope Of Children"

So popular was this impromptu snap exhibition that a formal one has been arranged.

Mrs. Bemrose said: — "This association will be the means of dispersing news among parents.

"Some of the children are not consistent letter writers, and parents want as much American news as they can get.

"We have found that we are of the same opinion on many points — that the American foster-parents are simply marvellous to our children Their generosity knows no bounds. In many cases education and medical fees are being waived.

"The foster parents' letters to us are among the big events of our lives.

"The American idiom is becoming noticeable even in the letters of our children."

The association proposes to meet monthly.

After the meeting the following cable was sent to President Roosevelt:

This first meeting of The Kinsmen parents of British children in the safe keeping of the United States sends its heartfelt thanks to the people of America for their generous hospitality and to you, Mr. President, to the hope you hold out for the future of children everywhere.

WIRELESS SET STOOD UP TO A 1,000 LB. BOMB

A small wireless set in a house in which a delayed action 1,000lb. bomb exploded was plugged in after being buried in the crater for a fortnight—and worked perfectly. Radio experts describe it as a great tribute to British workmanship.

When the bomb fell on a house at a South-East Coast town, the occupants were listening to the news and just had time to get out before the explosion. The house was destroyed.

"It was buried deep in the crater," Mr. W. A. Rood told a reporter. "We took it away and plugged it in, never expecting for a second that it would work. The first item to come over was the news."

SPEECH OF MR. HENRY F. GRADY

DEMOCRACY IS UNDERGOING ITS SEVEREST TEST

"DEMOCRACY IS undergoing its severest test, and it will survive only in the event it can be made to work efficiently." Such is the premise on which Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, based his talk, "The Challenge to Democracy," at the Jefferson Day Dinner in Oakland.

"Democracy, as a form of Government, will not survive unless it can be made to achieve higher accomplishments and a happier state than any rival form of government," Mr. Grady said. "To get these results, Democracy must be made efficient. And we can get this efficiency only when there is real devotion to the cause of Democracy, and people are willing to work and sacrifice for it."

Declaring that "Democracy is essentially a voluntary enterprise" Mr. Grady added:—

"Our form of government is based on the free will of the people. And just as Democracy's cardinal virtue is personal liberty, so we have within ourselves the free choice to preserve or destroy it. To preserve Democracy we must make it our responsibility, individually and collectively, to see that it functions with a high degree of effectiveness.

"Must Make War"

"This is especially true during an emergency such as we are facing to-day, when highly organised collectivist states have savagely challenged the democratic way of life. To meet this challenge we must make war on the enemies of Democracy from within. There are those among us who do not share the cooperative concept of Democracy, who seek special privilege, and who organise pressure groups to further their selfish ends in conflict with the public interest. To make Democracy work we must subject personal and group interest to the National Interest which must at all times be supreme."

Paraphrasing the axiom that "Democracy has within it the seeds of its own destruction," Mr. Grady explained there is too often a deadly time lag in the functioning of democratic government which places the latter at a distinct disadvantage in dealing with totalitarian states whose leaders move at will without having to consult with or answer to their regimented subjects.

He continued: "This advantage for the dictators, however, is more than offset by the power and efficiency of a free people voluntarily mobilised to protect their interests. Once the people of a democracy become thoroughly aroused to their danger and freely unite in the high common purpose of defending their liberties, they are always a more formidable foe than a regimented people galvanised into action by the lash of a dictator."

Keystones

"Ironically," Mr. Grady said, "Democracy's strength is also its greatest weakness. Free speech, the right of assembly, unlimited debate and referendum . . . . these are all keystones of Democracy. And yet confronted by powerful, hard-hitting dictators who answer to no one, these blessings of a free people, unless rationalised and used with great discretion, may be turned against them and made the instrumen'ts of their own destruction. We have seen this happen in Europe, and we should make haste to see that it does not happen in America."

In conclusion, Mr. Grady said:

"The problem is: Will we in America meet the threat in time? Have we the determination to make Democracy work, through the willingness to sacrifice much now, so that we will not have to sacrifice everything later? Have we the good sense to forego partisan bickering and endless debate, while time is our greatest asset? The answer to these and other questions will determine whether or not we will be successful in meeting the challenge to Democracy."

ELINOR, AT 76, WANTS TO AID WAR

At the age of 76, Mrs. Elinor Glyn—the romantic novelist, and the first woman to use the word "It" for "glamour"—is hoping to broadcast British propaganda to the women of the world.

Despite her years, Mrs. Glyn still retains much of the personality and beauty that made her famous as a writer and society hostess.

"Yes, I am still the woman with the flaming red hair and green eyes," she stated.

Mrs. Glyn had never pretended to be unconscious of her beauty, and it was obvious that to-day she still pays as much attention to her looks as a woman half her age.

Her Titian hair was carefully coiffeured and her lips and eyes were faultlessly made up.

"Do I look 76?" she asked me as she fingered a rope of pearls round her neck and adjusted a beautiful fur wrap across the shoulders of her fashionable grey dress.

At The Front

"I feel I can do something to help win this war, and the only way, at my age, is to reach the largest possible audience through the wireless," she said.

In the last war Mrs. Glyn was one of the ablest of official propagandists. She had an office in Paris, where she wrote propaganda about the French for America and about the Americans for the troops in France.

She paid several visits to the front line.

PILOTLESS 'PLANE'S DIRECT HITS

A robot 'plane of revolutionary design is being tested by United States aviation officials at Hawaii and in Virginia, according to U.S. newspapers.

Experts have worked for ten years on this pilotless aeroplane, which is operated by radio control. It takes off, discharges its bombs over a distant target, returns and lands untouched by a human hand.

The target distance is calculated in advance. When the robot 'plane reaches it a device automatically releases the bombs.

In recent tests direct hits were scored.

Cruising range is limited only by fuel supply and wireless frequency range.—Reuter.

WAR WITHIN WAR

In the middle of a war two factions of M.P.s want the House of Commons to decide on the merits or demerits of the Oxford Group.

More than fifty M.P.s have associated themselves with a request to the Board of Trade President to revoke the licence granted under the Companies Act to Dr. Frank Buchman and his associates in the Group.

One of the reasons given is "that Dr. Buchman's activities have been harmful to the British cause in many countries and are now occupying in the United States a number of young British subjects who might be better employed in this country."

Amendment

Meanwhile, Sir Robert Gower (Con., Gillingham) and others tabled this amendment to the motion:—

"That this House welcomes the campaign of the Oxford Group for moral rearmament with its results in heightened national moral, increased industrial cooperation and the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between this country, the Dominions and the United States."

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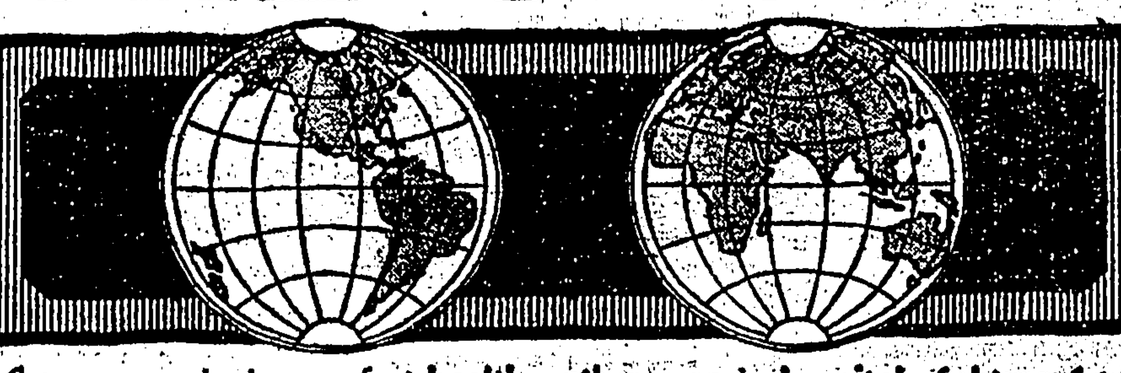

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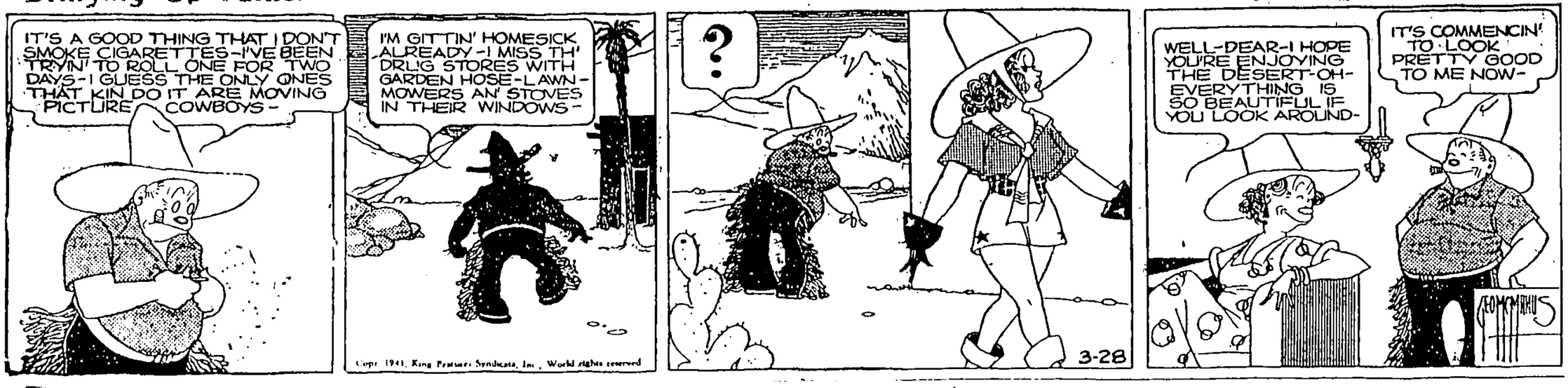

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Pretty Singing Star Advises Career Girls

"By knowing how to save wear and tear on one's self you increase the amount of work you can do and your enjoyment," states pretty Jean Dickenson, Metropolitan's favourite young soprano.

"There is no trick, no magic formula to this, it simply depends upon learning to relax. That is the first lesson which models, lecturers, actresses and singers must learn—in fact it should be the first lesson for any woman to learn, especially if she is a careerist. It is a 'must,' if you are an active person and desire to remain pretty and youthful.

"To relax you must have perfect control of your nerves. This requires plenty of sleep. I try to get eight or nine hours each night. Diet and exercise, of course, are important too. Career girls should eat well-balanced, sensible meals, ladened with a full supply of the energy vitamin — B1. This is found in green vegetables, egg yolks, milk, brewer's yeast, liver and kidneys."

Speaking about food, Miss Dickenson paused to caution business girls about hurried luncheons. "Gulping down a sandwich and coffee in a record five minutes, and then galloping from shop to shop for the remainder of the lunch hour is not good. It is most harmful. Nerves become so jangled that the body is bound to suffer severely from such treatment. How much better for beauty and health to spend the better part of the lunch hour eating leisurely and quietly in a comfortable spot (never the office) and to spend the last few minutes of the lunch hour taking a brisk, refreshing walk. Fresh air and sunshine are splendid nerve tonics, and exercise is always a good friend to beauty. Shop leisurely on your free afternoon or after office hours.

JEAN DICKENSON, colourful soprano of Metropolitan Opera, enjoys a health luncheon of a whopping big fruit salad, milk and whole wheat rolls.

Regarding Mat Exercises

Miss Dickenson believes one should exercise rhythmically with your entire body relaxed unless you are embracing an arduous reducing programme. "Try doing your mat exercises early in the morning," she suggests, to music.

LUCILE FAIRBANKS stands with her hands on hips, elbows pointed outward and twists the upper part of her body rapidly—from side to side. This forms slim hipline!

To Reduce Hips Concentrated Exercise Is Required

According to the accepted standards of beauty, a woman's hip measurement should be smaller than her bust measurement. She may be heavier than normal weight for her build and height and age, but her hips must be smaller than her bustline.

There is only one way to reduce heavy hips—and that is through exercise, concentrated exercise. If heavy hips are the bane of your existence I suggest that you do only exercises to reduce that measurement and exercises to improve your posture. By concentrating on these you should be able to reduce your hips rapidly. Of course, I assume that you will regulate your menus when you determine to reduce. Do not starve yourself—eat enough to carry you through your day's tasks—but considerably reduce the amount you have been eating.

Have A Picture

You must have a mental picture of yourself as you would like to be—svelte, agile, alert looking. Then work toward that vision. Hop out of bed EARLY each morning and devote a half hour or hour to these exercises:

1—Stand in good posture (against the wall if need be) with abdomen in, chest high, shoulders back but relaxed. Head must be back too, and do not feel stiff. Relax and take the position again. Repeat this twelve times.

2—Now place palms together high over head, arms frame your face. Now bend from side to side slowly, at first, more rapidly later. Relax when you feel a bit dizzy, then proceed. Practice for three minutes.

3—Lie on your back. Pull your knees to your chest, clasp your arms around them, and rock forward and backward on the fleshy part of your buttocks at least twenty-five times. This also relaxes back muscles which you most likely need! Release your knees and try to take a somersault by swinging your feet over your head. Three times first day, increase one more each day.

4—Pull up your right knee, clasp your hands about it to hold it against your chest. The left leg is on the floor, knee straight and heel extended. Stretch, point your toes, stretch, point your heels. Repeat twenty times, then reverse leg positions and repeat.

5—Kneel down on the floor with knees and heels together—upper body erect. Bend back slowly with arms outstretched in front of you, until you are sitting on your heels. Return to position slowly. Repeat ten times first day and increased two times each day until you are doing it twenty-five times.

Whew, you sigh, that should reduce me! Well I warned you that you MUST WORK TO REDUCE, but remember that lovely vision you have of yourself!

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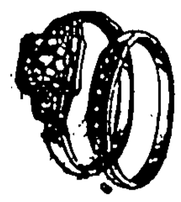

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme.

1.02 p.m.—Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers. Where the Bee Sucks (Shakespeare & Arne—arr. Shaw); Come let us join the Roundelay (Beale); Venus on Earth—in Vocal Form (Lincke); Unrequitted Love—in Vocal Gems (Lincke).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Gershwin Programme. Looking for a Boy (from "Tip Toes") ....Anne Jamison (Soprano) with Orch. Gershwin Fox-Trot Medley —Intro: Fascinating Rhythm; Clap Yo' Hands; That Certain Feeling ....Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins. Oh! Lady be Good (from "Oh! Lady be Good"); Bidin' my Time (from "Girl Crazy")....The Foursome (Vocal) with Instrumental Accomp. Porgy and Bess—Selection....Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. The Man I Love (from "Strike up the Band"); Someone to watch over me (from "Oh! Kay")....Frances Langford (Vocal) with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Scottish Programme. Humorous Recital—Follow Follow (A Football Study in Blue & Green) ....William McCulloch. Bagpipes—Highland Reel and Reel o' Tulloch ....Henry Forsyth. Vocal—There's a wee bit land (Grieve); My ain wee hoose (Wilson & Munro).... Laidlaw Murray (Baritone) with Orchestra. Bagpipes — Eightsome Reel....Henry Forsyth. Humorous Monologue—The "Bluebell Chasers" F.C. Annual Meeting .... William McCulloch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Latest Dance Music. Fox-Trot—My Greatest Mistake; 6/8 One Step—Let the Bands Play.... Harry Roy & his Band. Quick-Step—On the Sunny Side of the Street; Waltz—If Tears could bring you back....Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Nobody Knows the Way I Feel 'dis Mornings....Sydney Bechet & his New Orleans Feetwarmers. Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer; Quick-Step—The Ferry Boat Serenade.... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trot—All the Things you are; Quick-Step—Maybe....Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—"On Behalf of the Working Classes". Billy Russel (Comedian)—an Actual Theatre Recording.

8.16 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Deanna Durbin (Soprano) and Allan Jones (Tenor). Tangoland—Intro.: You Could Never Be True; O Cara Mia; Plegaria; Goodnight Vienna....Geraldo & his Sweet Music (with Vocal Chorus). I'm Falling in Love with Someone; Sweethearts (both from film "Life of Victor Herbert")....Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. By the Fireside—Romance (Hippmann).... Frederic Hippmann & his Orch. It's Raining Sunbeams (film "100 men and a girl")....Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra. Rhapsody No. 1 (Rixner)....Eugen Wolff & his Orchestra. The One I Love; Cosi Cosa (both from film "Everybody Sing")....Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. Mexican Serenade (Kashubec); Novellette—Serenade (Henselt)....Frederic Hippmann & his Orchestra. When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from "Spring Parade")....Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Letter from Free China. Read by Mrs. Alice Chow.

9.30 p.m.—The Mills Brothers and Banjo Solos. Strawberry Fair (Engram); Three Little Fishies (Dowell)....The Mills Brothers. White Rose (Oakley); Tony (Oakley)....Olly Oakley (Banjo) with Piano accomp. Mr. Paganini (Lambert, Richards)....The Mills Brothers.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. Espana (Waldteufel); Temptation Waltz (Ancliffe); Round-the Roundabout (Foster); Snow Man (Archer); Shy Serenade (Scott-Wood).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Sixth of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

10.35 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in F Major, Op. 24—"The Spring". 1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio molto espressivo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro molto) and Trio; 4th Mov: Rondo (Allegro ma non troppo)....Jeno Lener (Violin) and Louis Kentner (Piano).

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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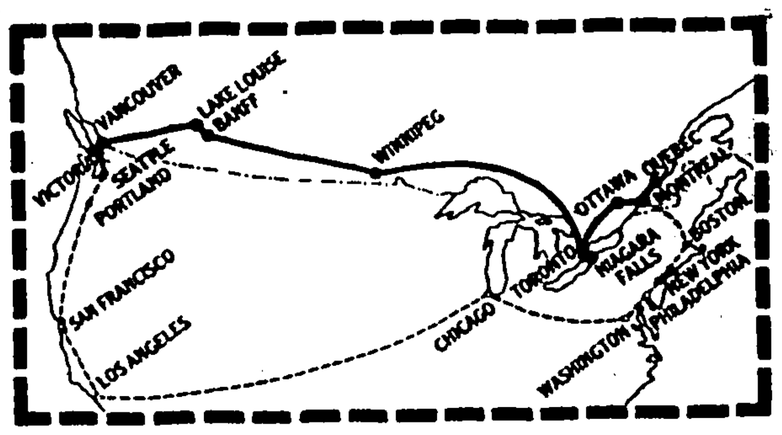

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This little example rather typifies Z.B.W.'s outlook.

I personally had put up with a longer bout than usual of the music box—it looks even better than it sounds—and it too seemed to think the same as it stopped and for practically a minute there was silence before the 8 o'clock time signal cut through the air. Then the special announcement . . . and then what was going to happen during the week!

Can you imagine people in each household sitting down and taking down in longhand, shorthand or by any other means the week's programme? If this is broadcast for people outside the Colony, it would be interesting to know whether they contribute to the upkeep of Z.B.W.

In short, I think Z.B.W. wastes far too much time doing little.

W.B.Z.

SCHOOL FOR CHARM

Personality and charm constitute important courses for the students at the Fassifern School for Girls at Henderson, North Carolina.

Dr. Joseph R. Sevier, President, introduced the course three years ago, with eight lectures dealing with component parts of charm and personality. He says he notes decided improvement among the students in courtesy, consideration and general charm.

Eight speakers for this season's lectures, coming from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and New York, have taken subjects along the lines of charm and personality.

PARADOX OF WAR

AN AMERICAN RED CROSS OFFICIAL DECLARED THAT FATALITIES IN BLITZ BOMBED ENGLAND ACTUALLY ARE LESS THAN IN PEACETIME.

James B. Forgan, Chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross, undertook to explain the paradox at the national convention of the organisation.

"By taking automobiles off the highways, by exercising caution in the home and in industry, by improving diet, by safeguarding self and community from the threats of epidemics, the English are saving more lives than their enemies are able to take."

BURIED 2-1/2 DAYS

For two and a half days Jean, aged six, had been buried under wreckage when rescuers reached her.

"I want my Teddy," she told them. "Where is he? I want him."

Her mother, Mrs. Violet Wallace, forty-three, shared Jean's ordeal in the basement of a damaged block in a South of England coast town.

"Thank God. I never thought I should see the sun again," Mrs. Wallace told a reporter.

Mother and child were only slightly hurt.

Mrs. Wallace and her three children were in the basement of the flats, five storeys high, which were hit by a heavy bomb early one Wednesday morning.

Heard Call For Help

A police-constable who was patrolling the bombed area after the rescue squad had ceased work for the night, heard Mrs. Wallace faintly calling for help.

When the rescue gang reached her later they found her and Jean alive and conscious. They were taken to hospital.

Another of Mrs. Wallace's children was later found dead in the wreckage.

D.F.C. FOR ATTACK ON BATTLESHIPS

The D.F.C. has been awarded to Pilot-Officer Raymond Alexander Elser, of No. 149 Squadron, for gallantry in an attack on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest.

In the darkness he was not able to identify the battleships, though he could pick out the position they were reported to be.

After searching for some time in face of intense A.A. and searchlight activity, he directed his pilot to run in at 8,500ft., from which height he dropped a stick of bombs.

He repeated this operation twice from 8,500ft. and 7,000ft. and got proof that the ships were there.

He has also obtain first-class bombing results on Venice, Cologne, Bremen and Wilmershaven.

Pilot-Officer Esler was born at 1917. He enlisted in the R.A.F. Belfast, where his father lives, in Volunteer Reserve in 1939.

COLONEL WOUNDED BY DAUGHTER WITH KNIFE

The daughter of a lieutenant-colonel who said she picked up a carving knife to defend her mother and herself against her father, and unfortunately caught him in the chest with the point, was bound over at Marylebone Police Court.

She is Phyllis Griffin, twenty-one, no occupation of Haverstock Hill, Hampstead.

The magistrate (Mr. J. B. Sandbach, M.C.) asked how it was that a young woman of twenty-one was of no occupation in these days. On being told that she helped her mother, he advised her to get some work of national importance.

ARMY TENNIS DEFEAT

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday in the Second Division of the Tennis League, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Army Tennis Club by 8 sets to 1.

Capt. R. E. Guest and Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce (Army).
lost to F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling ..... 3—6
lost to H. T. Bee and Dr. P. P. Khoo ..... 0—6
lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 3—6

Capt. Head and Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith (Army).
lost to Kwok and Ling .... 3—6
drew with Bee and Khoo .. 6—6
lost to Lee and Ma ..... 3—6

S/Sgt. J. Emberson and Sgt. J. Webb (Army).
lost to Kwok and Ling ..... 3—6
drew with Bee and Khoo ... 6—6
lost to Lee and Ma ..... 3—6

Points For C.R.C.

At Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club beat Civil Service C.C. by 7 sets to 2.

Pang Oi-lam and Iu Tak-lum (C.R.C.).
beat I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall ..... 6—3
beat B. Agafuroff and W. Skinner ..... 6—1
beat M. Yatskin and T. Wardle ..... 6—2

D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.).
beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6—0
beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6—4
beat Yatskin and Wardle .. 6—1

S. W. Liang and W. C. Choy (C.R.C.).
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 4—6
lost to Agafuroff and Skinner ..... 3—6
beat Yatskin and Wardle .. 6—0

K.C.C. Defeated

South China A.A. trounced K.C.C. by 8 sets to 1 yesterday.

A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose (K.C.C.).
lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hok ..... 5—7
beat W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan ..... 6—4
lost to K. H. Ip and B. Szeto 1—6

N. A. E. Mackay and F. Kengelbacker (K.C.C.).
lost to Lee and Hok ..... 3—6
lost to Ho and Wan ..... 3—6
lost to Ip and Szeto ..... 0—6

F. Zimmern and D. H. Hazell (K.C.C.).
lost to Lee and Hok ..... 2—6
lost to Ho and Wan ..... 5—7
lost to Ip and Szeto ..... 3—6

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ENDS IN DARKNESS

The opening matches in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship were played yesterday and results were more or less as expected, though A. Eastman and W. Simpson did well to beat V. N. Atienza and V. Chittenden.

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia, a Third Division pair, did well to eliminate their club mates, E. Zimmern and W. K. Way by 25—21 The losers scored at nine ends and finished up with a 5 and a 4.

The last three heads of the game between F. Nolan and A. Jillott and E. Curtis and A. W. Smith was played in darkness. The game finished at 7.45 p.m. Nolan and Jillott were leading at the 18th by 16—11, but the winners reeled off 2 5 1 to wni 19—16.

A number of games were postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

Results:—

AT RECREIO

A. W. Smith and F. Curtis beat F. Nolan and A. Jillott 19—6.

W. McNeil and P. A. Peckham beat R. Leigh and R. S. Meadows 28—20.

AT CIVIL SERVICE

A. Willerton and G. Davies beat K. W. Farrow and A. G. Grattan 35—10.

AT CRAIGENGOWER

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia beat W. K. Way and E. Zimmern 25—21.

AT HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho 22—20.

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A Suggestion For Jockey Club's Consideration

A REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES

By "Rapier"

WITH THE ADVENT OF SUMMER WEATHER, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER RACING IN THE COLONY UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. BEFORE I COMMENCE MY REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES — THE CHINA PONIES WILL BE DEALT WITH IN A LATER ARTICLE — I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE FOR ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE STEWARDS AND OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE MADE TO ENSURE THE COMFORT OF THEIR PATRONS.

These officials have ndoubtedly worked hard in this direction. There is, nowever, one little point I would like to mention. The betting public, I am sure, would appreciate it if the names of ponies and jockeys could be hoisted a little earlier than hitherto, thus giving them more time to think things over. I have noticed that such names are never taken down until after the conclusion of a race. Could they not be removed before the start of each race, and the new ones hoisted immediately after a race, leaving any adjustment to be made after the jockeys have weighed out for the following race? The time thus saved would certainly prove of benefit. I am submitting this suggestion for what it is worth.

Racing for the first half of the current season concluded a week ago last Monday, the second day of the Whitsun meeting, which attracted an attendance which probably constituted an all-time record. The Public Stands were packed to capacity and accommodation was so taxed that many found difficulty in following the races. Interest in racing in the Colony at the moment is undoubtedly greater than it has ever been before, as a walk through the betting area would have illustrated.

And now, having given expression to my views, I will proceed to the business in hand. Following the Annual Meeting, there were six extra meetings, the first of which took place on March 22, after two postponements on account of the sodden state of the track. The track naturally suffered from the usage it received during the racing carnival, and consequently times for some time were slower. Once it returned to its normal state, however, record after record was broken and some really exciting and thrilling finishes were seen.

JOCKEYS

Mr. Donald Black retains his position at the head of the list of successful jockeys, having scored 18 wins, 10 seconds and 19 thirds and having been unplaced 53 times. His nearest rival is Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, with 14 firsts, 8 seconds, 13 thirds and 41 times unplaced. Mr. L. B. Chao had only one win less than Mr. Wei, and the next in order are Messrs. H. C. Pih, V. V. Needa, H. J. A. Hearne and D. H. S. Craven.

It will be recalled that, at the Annual Meeting, Commander Craven was unseated whilst riding Melody Star, as a result of which he suffered an injury to his arm. Undaunted by this setback, he returned to riding at the third extra meeting, and made his presence felt at the Whitsun Meeting when he brought in several winners, some of them paying out substantial dividends.

OWNERS

Owners had the benefit of an increase in stakes money, and honours among them have been fairly well divided.

With the large string of ponies which he has at his disposal, Mr. T.K. Li heads the list of successful owners with 13 wins, 9 seconds and 6 thirds, followed by the Cire Stable, with 10 firsts, 6 seconds and 4 thirds. Mr. Li Lan-sang comes next, followed by the Eve Stable, Necan, Marber and the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

NEW AUSTRALIANS

On the strength of its achievements in the Annual Race Meeting, Distant View, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, must be regarded as the best of this year's new Australian Griffins. It has so far met with only two reverses, both inflicted by Sapper—in the Australian Ponies Champions over 1¼ miles and the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class ponies from the two mile post distance.

Distant View, however, proved itself better than Sapper in a sprint event. In the Albury Handicap, from the 1½ mile post, Sapper, ridden by Mr. Proulx, ran unplaced for the first time. The race was run in record time but the record could not be officially recognised as Distant View was carrying 3 lb. under weight per inches. Carrying 157 lb. in the Sharks Bay Handicap for "A" Class ponies, over the mile, however, Distant View dead-heated with Many Thanks in a record-breaking run to better Sapper's time by one second.

I am still of the opinion, however, that when Distant View and Sapper again meet, with Sapper having its original jockey in Mr. Davis, it will prove itself definitely superior over any distance from a mile up.

Cire's Best

Starlight, owned by the Cire Stable, is the next best, judging by the amount of stakes money which it has so far won. This pony won the Stewards' Cup (first time presented), from the two mile post at the second extra race meeting, this being a handicap event for griffins that had not won more than $5000 in stakes, and placed third in the Calliope Handicap (first section) for "B" Class ponies, from the two mile post distance, losing to a Happy Time and Connieber.

Fleetwing, which belonged to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and is now owned by Mrs. Eu, showed its prowess when it won the Beaumaris Stakes over the Champions course at the third extra race meeting; this was in record time and beat the record previously held by Mainsail by 1-4/5 seconds. This pony is definitely good over long distances and I expect to see it winning more races in future.

Oracle, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, won the Oakleigh Plate over the mile in the record time of 1.44 (under new scale of weights) at the first extra race meeting. This was indeed a grand performance, but at the very next meeting, in the Stewards' Cup, it ran unplaced.

Late Development

Man-O'-War, belonging to Penn and Tect, failed to show its real merit at the annual race meeting, but it came into the picture later when, at the third extra race meeting, it won the Sydney Handicap (second section) for "B" Class ponies over 6 furlongs after which it was immediately promoted to "B" Class. It then went on to win the Broken Hill Handicap (first section) 1¼ miles, Mr. Pih being up on both occasions. It was sent out in the Beas River Paddocks Handicap (1½ miles) under Mr. Tao, but was unplaced, and then, carrying top weight with Mr. L. B. Chao in the saddle, it ran second to National Courage in the Hervey Bay Handicap. (1¼ miles).

National Courage, belonging to Why, came into the limelight at at the third extra race meeting with Mr. H. S. Chang on top by winning the Cabramatta Handicap (6 furlongs), and then running third to Man-O'-War and A Happy Time in the Broken Hill Handicap. (first section). Its best performance, however, was its great win in the Hervey Bay Handicap at the sixth extra race meeting, when it defeated Man-O'-War. It has now been promoted to "A" Class.

The following ponies also won: The Nineteenth Hole (Wyalong Stakes), Vanguard (Canterbury Park Stakes), Mountain View (Charters Towers Stakes), A Happy Time (Calliope Handicap), Ratio Decidendi (Moreton Bay Stakes) Graceful View (Great Bight Stakes), Gay Fox (Barwon Head Stakes) and Tropical Love.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBS.

There is no doubt whatever that United Express, belonging to Necan, is the best of this year's lot of Australian subscription griffins. During the annual race meeting, this speedy animal won every race in which it appeared, earning in four outings the substantial sum of $10,909 in stakes money. Since then it has not scored a single win. In the Broken Hill Handicap over the two mile post distance, United Express was expected to give both Distant View and Sapper a good run, but after leading over the first mile it was unable to keep up its initial fiery speed and and once overhauled it simply faded out of the picture. However, we should see more of this pony in later meetings.

In order of merit, I rate Endeavour, now the property of "Iron," next. This pony is definitely good on a hard track and over long distances, as evidence of which I need only refer to its convincing win in the Melbourne Cup over two miles, against such redoubtable opponents as Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay. To Endeavour fe.l the honour of paying out the second best win dividend this year—$160.90.

Mainsail's Record

I nominate Mainsail as the next best pony. It was at one time regarded as good enough to win the Rooty Hill Derby, but unfortunately its training was not then properly advanced, and beyond winning the Flemington Plate (second section) on the fifth day of the annual race meeting, it failed to accomplish anything of note. Since then, however, under careful training, it has shown improvement, as it won the Mentone Handicap (1¼ miles) and the Oakleigh Handicap (1¾ miles). With the [illegible] up, it was [illegible] whatever [illegible] it was [illegible] case [illegible] last [illegible] (first section) [illegible]

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Sappers Delight Supporters With First Win

By "Grandstand"

THE HONG KONG Baseball League went into a colourful start when H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, performed the traditional rite of tossing the first ball last Saturday at the Military Football Park at Chatham Road.

The U.S.S. Mindinao, who were matched against the Hong Kong Brewers for the 'Opening Day' classic, nosed out the Beermen 7-5 in a ding-dong battle which had the fans on edge, as the leadership changed hands with almost every inning.

The Asheville nine, deputising for the U.S.S. Tulsa, eked out a narrow victory from the Hong Kong Baseballers on Sunday morning, whilst the Royal Engineers upset all the dopesters by taking South China 9-5 in the afternoon.

Out-hitting the Brewers, the Mindinaoans' victory was highlighted by Tony Mascavage's smashing clout which went for four bases with one aboard.

Ski "Bad News" Powlawski, who went the route for the Minnies, had six Beermen lunging at his side-arm benders and walked none, whilst Madeen "Slim" Arculli, who toiled on the slab for the Brewers was nicked for eight blows, walked one and only fanned one.

Blanking the Mindinaoans in the first frame, Brewers chalked up two markers in their home half on three bunched up hits and a wild heave by hind-snatcher Tony Mascavage to take a short-lived lead.

Powlawski's Deadly Form

In the second semester, Powlawski displayed his deadly form by fanning the next three batters to face him. The Minnies broke into the scoring column in the third canto with a cluster of three runs, on two hits assisted by George Souza's pair of expensive bobbles. The Beermen came back with a vengeance and grabbed the lead once more with a pair of tallies, but Mascavage, batting in the clean-up slot, poled out a round-tripper to deep left with one on, for the lead to change hands again.

In the sixth, Stan Leonard was given a life on Moore's miscue. Lefty Joe Bowen, the Brown Bomber, pinch-hitting for Jindoo Hussain, came through with a ringing double and chased in Stan Leonard to knot the count, whilst the Bomber himself crossed the pan with the tie-breaker on Obear Arculli's timely single to right. With the last inning coming up, it was now or never for the Minnies. Speedy Willie Wilson singled and burgled second. George booted Powlawski's grounder for his third error of the day, and left hurler Arculli right behind the eight ball, with ducks in the pond and Tony Mascavage coming up to the plate. Tony flied out for Wilson to score, while M. M. Wilson singled for Powlawski to trot home with what turned out to be the winning counter.

Hindsnatcher Tony Mascavage gave his mates some anxious moments when he dropped Tony "Peewee" Alves' third strike and gave Alves a life with two outs. Dave Leonard was next but failed to come through with a safety and forced Alves at second, to relieve the tension for the Mindinaomen.

Best Batter

Willie Wilson came in for batting honours by slashing out three singles in four trips to the platter and pilfered four bases, whilst Tony Mascavage connected for the only four-bagger of the week-end.

Extra base hits were returned by Stan Leonard, Joe Bowen and Henry Ruel with a double a-piece.

With angels on the paths and none away, Ski Powlawski bunted into a double play, for the only twin-erasure of the action-packed game.

Hank Ali dished out a fielding gem by hauling down Tony Mascavage's trolley-wire smash which was labelled, in the first frame, whilst Bob Strahl handled eleven fielding chances at the initial station with nary an error, despite an injured knee.

Mighty "A" Win

Taking advantage of five errors in the third frame, the Mighty "A" chalked up four counters to take a narrow 6-4 decision from Hong Kong Baseballers. The Mohawks left eight potential runs stranded on the sacks whilst only four Ashevillemen died on the bases.

Both moundsmen, Charlie Sawyer for Asheville and Frank Crews for the Waggonermen, fanned five and walked three on balls. Langford of Asheville was guilty of two passed balls compared to Joe Morris' one. The margin of victory would have been much more were it not for Dan Fittinghoff's brilliant catch in the centre patch, after he had raced back a mile to gather in Sawyer's long hoist and nailed Red Morey at second base, for the only twin-killing of the scuffle.

The Mohawks drew first blood as Johnnie Schaberg singled, burgled second, and dented the pay-off station on Pete Fitch's grass-cutter which found third-sacker DiGiacomo handcuffed, and added another counter on Frank Crews' double in the second frame.

Defence Cracked

In Asheville's batting half of the same chapter, the Mokawk defence cracked wide open, and when the hectic inning was over, four runs had already trickled over the platter on only one (count it) hit. Bearing down in the next frame, the Mohawks tied the count with a pair of tallies, but were blanked out for the rest of the tilt as the Ashevillemen dished out a brilliant errorless fielding display, and stowed the game away in the old bat-bag with a tally in each of the fifth and sixth frames. Langford, Johnnie Schaberg and Frank Crews were all good for a two in three batting performance, the latter cracking out the only extra base clout with a two bagger.

Engineers Triumph

The Royal Engineers delighted their supporters by chalking up their first victory of the season at the expense of South China. The Caroliners only managed six safeties off hurler Mike Sarsfield whilst the Sappers were collecting nine blows off slabster Ernie Moy, who was derricked after the sixth. Sarsfield struck out six but issued five free tickets to first, whilst Ernie whiffed three and walked six. Wally Ching replacing Moy on the hill in the seventh, showed surprising form by fanning Cork, Taylor and Shaw in order.

Both sides were blanked in the first half, although Ching singled for Nam Hwa, but was left stranded at second. The Sappers broke the ice in the second canto on three infield errors, but South China evened the score with a counter when Hal Winglee grounded out to score Wally Ching. In the fourth frame the score was still tied, both teams chalking up a marker each.

South China Miss Their Chance

Taking advantage of another South China epidemic of errors, the Engineers pushed home three more runs. Two timely hits with the sacks soused in the sixth produced another cluster of four runs for the Sappers to put the game on ice.

The Caroliners missed their chance for a rally in the sixth, when hurler Mike Sarsfield walked three in a row to choke the bags. Wally Ching slashed out a daisy-cutter which Heath fumbled, but recovered in time to force out Ernie Moy, who was still finding his way down to second.

Nip Lum and Flash Radcliffe both wielded the willow for a neat .667 figure in their three batting chances, the latter chasing in three of his mates with a single and a double.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

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First Division ("A" v I.R.C., Home)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).
L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip).
F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division ("B" v P.R.C., Away)
D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. M. da Silva and J. J. Basto (Skip).
F. A. Machado, J. C. Remedios, Eddie Souza and L. J. Silva (Skip).
C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division (v C.C.C., Home)
A. J. Osmund, E. L. Barros, A. V. Barros and O. P. Remedios (Skip).
L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes and J. R. Soares (Skip).
A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).

Third Division (v I.R.C., Away)
E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).
F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).
G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v K.F.C., Away)
W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip).
A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (Skip).
Reserves: J. R. Way and W. Stoker.

CHESS RESULT

In the Colony Junior Chess championship yesterday, To Yu-lau beat A. Morton.

Friends of Mrs. Jennie el Arculli, wife of Madeen ("Slim") Arculli, H.B. pitcher, will be glad to learn that she is making excellent progress following a minor operation and that she will be able to leave the French Hospital, where she had been a patient, to-day.

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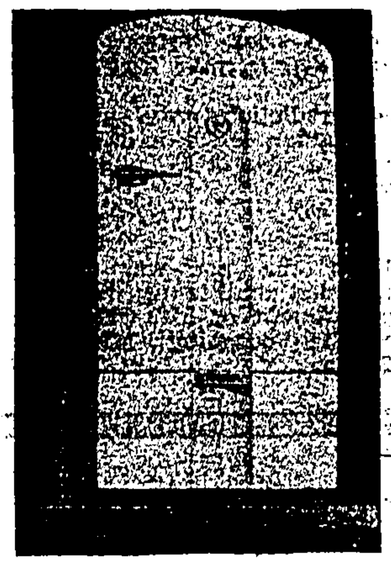

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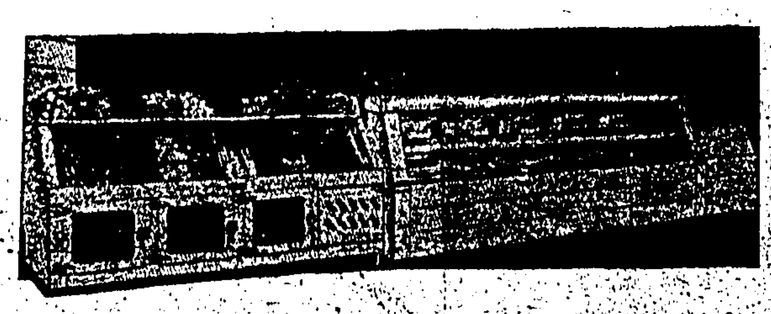

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TROOPS STILL GUARD AIR FACTORY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Maintaining ceaseless vigilance, 3,000 troops still stood guard yesterday at the North American Aviation Corporation factory in Los Angeles as increasing numbers of workers reported for the midnight shift.—International News Service.

MOSCOW FRIENDLIER TO FINNS

PAVEL ORLOFF, NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER TO FINLAND, ARRIVED IN HELSINKI AMID PREDICTIONS OF POLITICAL OBSERVERS THAT A MORE FRIENDLY POLICY COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FROM THE KREMLIN.

These predictions were supported by a sudden cessation of hostile radiocasts aimed at Finland from Moscow.

These attacks, which had continued in the post-war peace period, ended simultaneously with the appointment of Mr. Orloff to succeed the outgoing Minister, Ivan Zotov.

Revealing Figures In New York

THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL" SAYS: "MANUFACTURERS OF HIGH-POWERED AIRCRAFT ENGINES IN AMERICA SMASHED ALL RECORDS IN THE MONTH OF MAY IN THE OUTPUT OF POWER PLANTS."

Unofficial estimates indicate that the three major producers in the high-powered engines field — Wright-Pratt, Whitney and Allison, combined, produced in the neighbourhood of 3,500 engines. This means that since January the monthly production rate boosted 1,100 units while the Industry had combined facilities for only two or three hundred engines monthly in September, 1939.

The Wright Aeronautical Corporation still leads the procession with the Paterson (New Jersey) plants turning out 1,700,000 horse-power in May. This was stepped up by 1,100,000 horse-power in January.

The Pratt and Whitney engine division of the United Aircraft Corporation is actually running 1,400 engines over schedule. It is approaching the 1,300,000 horse-power mark monthly and is scheduled to reach the 2,000,000 horse-power peak late this year.

1,000 A Month

The Allison General Motors Corporation has made rapid progress.

Prior to July, 1940, less than 100 engines were turned out. In February, 1941, production reached 400 and May production was probably 500.

The Allison works is steadily stepping up engine power. The latest increase, announced on Monday, shows that the improved model actually weighs less than one pound per horse-power. Overall dimensions are not larger than previously despite the fact that the horse-power is stepped up by 175 to 1,325 horse-power. The new engine, weighing 1,303 pounds, has been accepted by the Army. It is stated that it makes possible heavier armour, increased fire power, greater speed and climbing ability.

It is said to permit the 'plane to carry 1,500 pounds of armour without sacrificing speed.—Reuter.

APPEAL TO LOVERS OF FREEDOM

An appeal to every true lover of the country to bend his whole energies for the strengthening of India's defence and equipping all soldiers fighting India's battles, was made by the Maharaja of Mysore inaugurating the Joint Session of the Mysore Legislatures yesterday afternoon.

The Maharaja said: "Let our watchword be economy and production in every possible direction, most of all in those that help India to play a full part in the war."

The Maharaja referred to the enormous sacrifices which were being made in other parts of the world to save civilisation.

He said the forces of destruction have been let loose. It looked as though those who released them had lost control over the consequences of their recklessness.

All human effort and safety was jeopardised to a degree unknown in history.

No lover of human freedom and ordered progress, or patriot, seeking India's safety and happiness could afford in the hour of imminent peril to exaggerate the importance of local questions or fail to do all that lay in their power to achieve the victory for collective and individual effort.—Reuter.

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Germany On The Spot

The "Wall Street Journal" quotes Mr. Bernard Baruch in an exclusive interview as saying: "Germany, not the United States, is on the spot economically if Germany wins control of the European continent.

"Under a proper economic policy, the United States will be able to drive Germany from many desired neutral markets."

He cited evidence just received from a large American Company owning a factory in a leading industrial city in Germany.

The report shows that despite low wages and long hours, with the German mark at 37 cents, the American plant was turning out products much cheaper.

Germany is faced with a huge employment and economic problem after the war.—Reuter.

INDIA AND BURMA TO CONFER

The Governments of India and Burma, in a communique yesterday, declared they are anxious if possible to reach an agreed solution of the various problems relating to Indian immigration into Burma.

As a result of preliminary discussions, in both Governments' opinion, the stage has been reached where personal negotiations offer reasonable prospect of success. The Raj therefore has accepted an invitation of the Government of Burma to send a delegation to Burma.

The Indian Delegation is led by Marsir Girjashsnker Bajpai, and the Burman Delegation by Mr. Paru Saw, the Premier.

The question of Indian immigration into Burma has been before the public and authorities for some time. Even before the separation of Burma from India the Royal Commission on Labour suggested an enquiry into Indian immigration into Burma. — Reuter.

TOKYO ENVOY RETURNS

After three weeks' absence, the Japanese Minister to Thailand, Mr. Futami, returned yesterday from Tokyo where he had been to report to the Government on the situation in Thailand and also to consult with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, who besides being his official chief is also a personal friend.—Reuter.

ALL QUIET IN CYPRUS SO FAR

Reuter was informed authoritatively in London yesterday that there is no confirmation whatever of a report being circulated through enemy-controlled wireless channels that Cyprus has been subjected to German and Italian air attacks during the last 48 hours.

It was stated in London that there is no reason to believe any such attacks have taken place. — Reuter.

SHOOTING AFFAIR IN THE CITY

Following a heated argument between two Indian watchmen outside the Central Market in Queen's Road Central shortly before 9 a.m. today, one of the men is alleged to have drawn his revolver and to have fired two or three shots, wounding the other man in the arm, back and thigh.

The victim is reported to have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition, and the alleged attacker detained.

An eye-witness told the "China Mail" that the two watchmen were arguing outside the money-changer's shop opposite the Central Market.

Suddenly one broke away and started running. The alleged assailant is said to have drawn his revolver and fired five shots at the fleeing man.

A Chinese pedestrian is then said to have been hit by a stray bullet and wounded in the leg.

Both Indians were employed as watchmen, but only one was armed.

N.E.I. RECRUITS FOR BRITAIN

A great number of naval wireless operators trained in the Netherlands East Indies will soon go to England to join the Netherlands Naval Forces, says a Reuter message from Batavia this morning.

Mechanised Troops Head For Aleppo

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH ARMOURED FORCES WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO HAVE PENETRATED THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEIRUT, ON THE COAST OF SYRIA, OTHER ALLIED FORCES, AFTER SMASHING AN ATTEMPT BY NAZI PARACHUTE TROOPS TO HALT THEIR ADVANCE, ARE APPROACHING THE GATES OF DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

Fierce fighting is said to be in progress around Beirut after the Allied forces had captured at least nine key towns, some of which yielded voluntarily without a fight, and three Allied columns operating inland are closing in rapidly on Damascus.

Reuter reports that British forward elements are only 15 miles from Damascus. This is according to military circles in Cairo.

While the latest reports indicate an advance of British troops towards Damascus, well-informed circles in London last night declared they have no confirmation that the city has been occupied.

It is also understood that a mechanised division, moving from Iraq, should reach Aleppo soon and once it has arrived there it will turn south to join the Allied Forces from Palestine.

Air Clash

Meanwhile it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that British 'planes patrolling over British warships off the Syrian coast shot down five enemy 'planes.

BRITISH FIGHTERS DROVE OFF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING TO BOMB BRITISH MOTOR TRANSPORT AT ASNAMEIN. — REUTER.

THAILAND OPTIMISM

MAJOR OSTHANADA RETURNED TO BANGKOK FROM SINGAPORE YESTERDAY.

He said that he was most optimistic regarding future Anglo-Thai relations and thanked Singapore for the generous hospitality throughout his sojourn.

He said that he also took every opportunity to clear up misunderstandings regarding political and economic trends in Thailand. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TO RECALL DELEGATE?

The belief is prevalent in quarters close to the Government in Tokyo that the chief delegate, Mr. Yoshizawa, will be recalled from Batavia, thus dimming the prospects of further negotiations.

Well-informed circles last night asserted that Japan's final attitude would be decided on when the Government or the Cabinet Council meets in a special liaison conference within the next few days, says an official Japanese report.

It adds it is understood that the Foreign Office is drafting a Note to the East Indies on the basis of discussions held yesterday morning among members of the Navy, Army and Foreign Office. —Reuter.

Darlan Says Nothing

ADMIRAL DARLAN, THE VICHY VICE-PREMIER, BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, MADE NO MENTION OF BRITAIN OR OF EVENTS IN SYRIA, SAYS REUTER.

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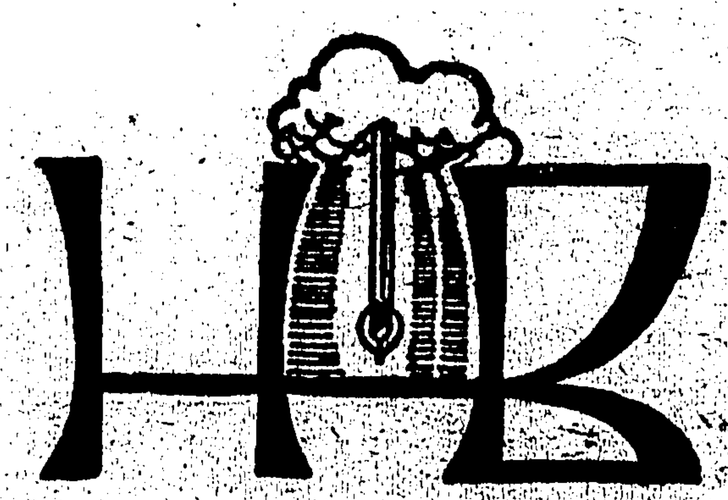

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CHURCHILL REVIEW OF WAR

Spirited Defence Of Policy

Mr. Hore-Belisha Blamed For Lack Of Equipment

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL BEGAN HIS REPLY TO THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IN AN EASY AND CONFIDENT TONE, DECLARING NOBODY COULD POSSIBLY COMPLAIN OF THE TONE, TEMPER AND MATTER OF THE DEBATE AND ADDING: "THE KIND OF CRITICISM WE HAVE HAD TO-DAY—SOME VERY SEARCHING—IS THE KIND THE GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY ACCEPT BUT WELCOME.

"However, the way in which the debate came about is calculated to give a feeling of challenge to the security of the administration. From the viewpoint of advantage to the country that raises serious considerations.

"There are all kinds of paragraphs and reports in the newspapers that there is grave uneasiness and unrest and demanding a 'full accounting.' Therefore one is bound to take a serious view because of the interests confided to our care.

"It would be a mistake if the House got into the habit of calling for explanations of the varying episodes of this dangerous and widespread struggle and asked for an account to be given when any action was lost or any part of the front was beaten in.

"In the first place, no full explanation could possibly be given without revealing valuable information to the enemy not only about the particular operation which is ended but about the general position and also on the processes of thought which are followed by our war direction and High Command.

"There is always a danger that a Minister may, in seeking to vindicate the course we have pursued, inadvertently say something which may supply the enemy with some essential, perhaps seemingly innocent looking, fact about which the enemy is in doubt and thus enable the enemy to construct a compressed and accurate picture of the way in which we are looking at things.

Hitler Did Not Explain

"The dictator governments are not under any similar pressure to explain or excuse any ill success that may befall them.

"Unlike these pretentious and formidable potentates, I am only a servant of the Crown, with considerable responsibility upon me, and they would not wish any servant whom they have entrusted with such duties to be at a disadvantage to our antagonists.

"I have not heard that Hitler had to attend the Reichstag and tell them why he sent the Bismarck on her disastrous cruise when, by waiting a few weeks and choosing his opportunity, when perhaps our capital ships were dispersed on convoy duty, she might have gone out accompanied by the Tirpitz, another 35,000-ton ship, and offered us battle.

"Neither have I heard any convincing statement by Mussolini why the greater part of his African Empire has been conquered and over 200,000 of his soldiers are prisoners in our hands.

Complicated Campaign

"I should feel under a needless disadvantage if I were obliged in public debate to give an account of our operations irrespective of whether the time was suitable or not.

"It would, for instance, have been a nuisance if Parliament had demanded a debate on the loss of Hood before we had been in a position to explain the measures we had taken to secure the destruction of the Bismarck.

"I have always taken very great pains to serve the House and always to associate the House with events, and it would be better if I were permitted, on behalf of Government, to choose the occasion for making a statement about the war, which I am most anxious to do. (Cheers).

"Another general reason why I should have deprecated a debate on the fighting in Crete is that it was only one part of a very important and complicated campaign which is being fought in the Middle East and can only be reviewed as one part.

Airfields In Crete

"TO SELECT ONE PARTICULAR SECTOR OF OUR WIDELY EXTENDED FRONT FOR DEBATE IS A PARTICULARLY LOPSIDED AND MISLEADING METHOD OF EXAMINING THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

"The vast scene can only be surveyed as a whole and ought not to be debated piecemeal, especially at a time when the operations, which are all related to one another, are wholly incomplete.

"Into a general survey of the war come all sorts of considerations about the gain and loss of time and its effect upon the future, as well as the entire distribution of our available resources to meet the many calls made upon them.

"For instance, Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked why it was, when we had Crete in our possession for more than six months, we did not construct numerous air fields and place them in the highest state of defence, and he reminded us how very efficiently the Germans would have done such work if Crete had fallen into their hands.

Guns Could Not Be Spared

"Everyone will admit it would have been a mistake to make a great number of air fields in Crete unless we could find anti-aircraft guns, both of high and low ceiling, and aircraft to defend those air fields, for that would simply have facilitated the descent of the enemy's air-borne troops upon the island.

"To answer the question why there were not enough guns provided for the two serviceable air fields in Crete, one would have to consider whether we could spare them for that purpose. That leads us to a wider sphere.

"All this time the Battle of the Atlantic has been going on and a very great number of guns which might usefully have been deployed in Crete have been and are being mounted in merchant vessels to beat off the attacks of Fokker Wulff and Heinkel aircraft whose depredations have been lessened thereby.

Great Risks

"Again, we must consider whether our air fields at home, our air factories or ports and cities, which are under heavy and dangerous attacks, should have been further denuded or stinted of guns in the last six months for the sake of the war in the Middle East beyond what we have done.

"Further, everything we send to the Middle East is out of action for the best part of three months as it has go round the Cape."

Mr. Churchill continued: "We have run very great risks and faced very serious maulings in this island in order to sustain the war in the Mediterranean, and nobody can be judge whether we should have run more risks or exposed ourselves to heavier punishment at home for the sake of fortifying and multiplying the Cretan air fields without having a full and intimate knowledge of all our resources and making a complete survey of the various claims upon them.

A Deterrent

"We did, however, from the moment the Greek Government invited us into Crete, take steps to defend the anchorage of Suda Bay as an important naval base, to develop the aerodrome nearby and provide the base and drome with the largest quantity of high and low ceiling guns which we thought it fit to divert from other strategic points in the Mediterranean.

"We provided, in fact, a deterrent to enemy attack sufficiently to require a major effort on his part.

"BUT THERE ARE MANY ISLANDS AND STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE SEAS, AND TO ATTEMPT TO BE SAFE EVERYWHERE IS TO MAKE SURE OF BEING STRONG NOWHERE.

"Therefore, if the House were able to go in detail into these matters, they might feel that a reasonable and right disposition of our forces was made, but without going into facts and figures, which nobody would wish me to do, it is quite impossible for the House, or even for the newspapers, to arrive at a justly proportioned and level judgment on this affair.

"But a man must be a perfect fool who thinks we have large quantities of A.A. guns and aircraft lying about unused at the present time.

Warning Four Years Ago

"So far as A.A. guns are concerned, as large and expanding as is our present production, every single gun is in action at some necessary point or other, and all future production for many months ahead is eagerly competed for by the rival claimants, with very often massive cases behind each one.

"In March, 1937, I mentioned to the House that the Germans had already 1,500 mobile A.A. guns, formed into batteries, in addition to the whole of their static artillery of A.A. defence.

"Since then they have been making them at a great rate and they have also conquered more than all they want from the many countries they have overthrown, so our position is very different indeed from them.

"To-day Mr. Hore-Belisha made a very cogent, moderate, well-informed and thoughtful contribution to the debate but he used a very different mood and tone in a speech which he recently delivered in the country.

"THAT MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO SAY THAT THE STATE IN WHICH OUR ARMY WAS LEFT WHEN MR. HORE-BELISHA HAD ENDED HIS TENURE OF THE WAR OFFICE, DURING THE GREATER PART OF WHICH HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY, WAS LAMENTABLE.

Hore-Belisha Interrupts

"We were short of every essential supply but most particularly of special classes of modern weapons, A.A. guns, anti-tank guns and the tank itself, which have proved themselves a vital necessity of modern war and which, he is now prepared to suggest, we are so purblind and out-dated as not to be able to comprehend."

(Here Mr. Hore-Belisha intervened to point out that in Belgium we lost the finest lot of equipment that had ever left British shores. He asked the Prime Minister to recall that up till very recently before the war, Parliament, and the country, was opposed to the creation of a continental army which, nevertheless, he tried to create).

Mr. Churchill proceeded: "I am dealing not with the particular equipment of the troops who went to France, who naturally drained the rest of our resources, but the equipment of our army at that time.

Hore-Belisha's Responsibility

"At the outbreak of war this was of a most meagre and deficient character and these deficiencies made themselves most marked and still make themselves most marked in the very type of weapons for which there is the greatest possible demand.

"I am not throwing all the blame for this upon Mr. Hore-Belisha but he has great responsibility in this matter and when he speaks in this way it is only fair to point out he is one of the last people who are entitled to take that line."

Here the Labour member, Mr. Granville, interposed "No recrimination."

Mr. Churchill continued: "Extremely violent hostile speeches have been spread about, doing much harm, and about which I have received information from different countries and capitals showing the uncertainty and disturbance which are caused thereby.

"The output of A.A. guns is at last rapidly expanding but the fact remains that our outfits are incomparably inferior in numbers to those possessed by the Germans, and every claim has to be weighed against every other claim.

"Another general question which may fairly be asked is why we have not a much stronger and much larger Air Force in the Middle East.

"I can only say that from the moment the Battle of Britain was decided in our favour, in September and October last year, by the victories of our fighters, we have been ceaselessly sending aircraft as fast as possible to the Middle East by every route and every method.

Nazi Advantages

"During the present year, as our strength in the air has grown, we have not been hampered as we were in the case of A.A. guns by lack of aircraft. The problem has been to send them to the Eastern theatre of war.

"Anyone can see how great are the German advantages and how easy it is for the Germans to move their air force from one side of Europe to another.

"They can fly along a line of permanent air fields. Wherever they alight and refuel there are permanent air fields in the highest state of efficiency, and as for services and personnel and all stores, without which squadrons are quite useless, these can go by the grand continental expresses along the main European lines.

Assault On Britain

"One has only to compare this process with sending aircraft packed in crates then put on ships and sent on the great ocean spaces until they reach the Cape of Good Hope, then taken to Egypt, set up again, tuned up and put in the air when they arrive.

"Thus the Germans can do in days what is taken us weeks or even more.

"THIS REFLECTION HAS A BEARING UPON A POSSIBLE GERMAN MOVEMENT BACK FROM EAST TO WEST, WHICH COULD BE EXECUTED VERY SECRETLY IF THEY ARE RESOLVED UPON AN ASSAULT ON THIS COUNTRY.

"We have done, are doing and will do our utmost to build up the largest possible air force in the Middle East. It is not a matter of aircraft but solely of transportation — not in the sense of shipping tonnage but to the time it takes to transfer under conditions of the present war.

"As to the disposition of our Air Force in the Middle East, it is primarily a matter for the Commanders-in-Chief in the Middle East, though Government share the full responsibility for whatever is done.

Co-ordination In Cairo

"Co-ordination between the Services is carried to a very high pitch. The Chief Air Officer lives in the same house in Cairo as the Commander-in-Chief.

"The Naval Commander-in-Chief has to be at sea very often. He has to be at Alexandria but the very closest association exists between these two branches.

"The idea that any one of these problems would be studied by these two commanders without the closest association with the other two is quite illusory."

(Here a Member queried "Who has the final say?")

No Disagreement

Mr. Churchill declared: "It isn't so much a question of the final say. No disagreement that I know of has arisen.

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Premier's Defence Of The Fighting In Middle East

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"Obviously the Army is the main factor in the business and the Fleet is preserving the security of the Army on the seas and preserving command of the seas, and the Air Force is assisting the Army and Fleet in all their functions.

"But in the event of any differences they can be settled in a few hours by reference here. These commanders have to settle it among themselves, although we share to the full responsibility for whatever is done.

"Apart from the effort we made in Greece, which was very costly in aircraft, the situation in Iraq and Palestine, and potentially in Syria, as well as the winding up of the Abyssinian story, have all made very heavy demands upon our aircraft and the situation in the Western Desert had also to be considered.

Can't Be Told

"Before any rational judgment could be formed on the disposition of our Air Force and the consequent failure to supply an adequate air force for Crete, it would be necessary, as in the case of A.A. guns, to know not only what are our whole resources but also what is the situation in these other theatres, which were all intimately inter-related.

"It is no use trying to judge these matters without full knowledge. Full knowledge cannot be made public.

"I come to the next stage of my argument. I have shown the foundations upon which we started and I now go a step forward.

"In March we decided to go to the help of Greece in accordance with our treaty obligations. This, of course, exposed us to the danger of being attacked in the Western Desert and also to defeat by overwhelming numbers in Greece, unless Yugoslavia played her part or unless the Greek Army could be extricated to hold some narrower line.

Attack On Crete

"If Greece was overrun by the enemy it seemed probable that Crete would be the next object of attack. The enemy with his vast local superiority in air power was able to drive our aircraft from airfields in Greece, and, adding this to his enormously superior anti-aircraft batteries, he was able to make those airfields rapidly available for his own use.

"Moreover, as the season was advancing, many more airfields became available to him as the weather improved and dried them up. It was evident, therefore, that the attack on Crete, if it were made, would be primarily an airborne attack for which again vast y superior hostile air force would be available.

"The question arose whether we should try to defend Crete or yield it without a fight. Nobody who bears responsibility for the decision to defend Crete was ignorant of the fact that conditions permitted only the most meagre British air support to be provided for our troops in the island or for the Fleet operating round the island. It was not a fact that dawned upon military and other authorities after the decision had been taken.

"It was the foundation of a difficult and harsh choice whether Crete should be defended without effective air support or whether the Germans should be permitted to occupy it without opposition.

"Some may say we should never fight without superior or at least ample air support, and ask when this lesson will be learned. But suppose you cannot have it.

"Questions to be settled are not always between what is good and bad. Very often it is a choice between two very terrible alternatives. If you cannot have this essential and desirable air support must you yield important key points one after another?

"OTHERS HAVE TOLD ME YOU SHOULD DEFEND NO PLACE THAT YOU CANNOT BE SURE YOU CAN HOLD THEN ONE MUST ASK CAN ONE EVER BE SURE HOW ONE EVER BE SURE HOW A FORE IT HAS BEEN FOUGHT?

"If the principle of not defending any place you cannot be sure of holding were adopted, would not an enemy be able to make an unlimited number of valuable conquests without any fighting at all? Where would you make a stand and engage them with resolution?

Where Would We Be ?

"A further question arises as to what would happen if you allowed the enemy to advance and overrun, without cost to himself, the most precious and valuable strategic points.

"Where would the Germans be now suppose we simply resigned the territory and strategic islands without a fight? Might they not at this early stage of the campaign of 1941 already be masters of Syria and Iraq and preparing themselves for an advance into Persia?

"The Germans in this war have gained many victories. They have easily overrun great countries and beaten down strong powers with little resistance. It is not only the question of time gained by fighting strongly even if at a disadvantage for important points, but there is also the vitally important principle of stubborn resistance to the will of the enemy.

Absurd Doctrine

"These are some of the arguments that deserve to be considered before you can adopt a rule that you have a certainty of winning at any point and that if you have not got it beforehand you must clear out. The whole history of the war shows the fatal absurdity of such a doctrine.

"It has been repeatedly proved that fierce and stubborn resistance even against heavy odds and under exceptional conditions or local disadvantage is an essential element in victory.

"The decision to fight for Crete was taken with the full knowledge that air support would be at a minimum, as anyone can see—apart from the question whether you have adequate supplies or not — who measures the distances from our air fields in Egypt and compares them with the distances from enemy air fields in Greece, and who acquaints himself with the radius of action of dive bombers and aircraft.

Full Personal Responsibility

"I take the fullest personal responsibility for that decision but the Chiefs of Staff, the Defence Committee, and General Wavell all not only thought Crete ought to be defended in circumstances which were fully before them, but that in spite of the lack of air support we had a good chance of winning the battle.

"NOBODY HAD ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE SCALE OF THE ENEMY AIRBORNE ATTACK. WE KNEW IT WOULD BE GIGANTIC AND INTENSE.

"Reconnaissances over Greek aerodromes showed an enormous mass of aircraft which were gathering there—many hundreds —and it turned out that the enemy had prepared to pay at unlimited price for this conquest and his resources when concentrated upon any particular point may often be overwhelming at that point."

Broadcasts By Officers

Referring to statements which had been ascribed to the spokesmen of the War Office and Air Ministry, the Prime Minister declared: "The officers who give these broadcasts are not acquainted with the control of affairs and with what is decided or thought or felt in the Chiefs of Staff Committee or the Defence Committee.

"I would very much have liked to stop them and in some cases I have reduced them in number.

"It is very risky to ask a professional officer to give a weekly expatiation on the war when, in the nature of things, although he may be very accomplished in his profession, he cannot know and ought not to know, the facts as they are understood at the secret meetings.

"At the same time one is appealed to ceaselessly to give more information to make the war more interesting to the people and to tell them more about what is going on, but it is not possible for the head of the Government, or even for the Chiefs of Staff, to scrutinise beforehand these detailed weekly statements which are made.

No Illusions

"I think the matter must certainly be reconsidered (Hear, hear).

"AS I HAVE SAID, NOBODY HAD ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS SCALE OF THE AIR-BORNE ATTACK. THE GREATEST EVER DELIVERED IN THE WORLD, AND THAT WE SHOULD RESIST IT WITHOUT ANY BUT THE MOST RESTRICTED AIR SUPPORT ON OUR SIDE.

"Let us look at the anatomy of this Battle of Crete, which was undertaken in bleak circumstances.

"We hoped that the 25,000 to 30,000 good troops—I am making it a little vague—with artillery and a proportion of tanks, aided by Greek forces, would be able to destroy parachute and glider landings of the enemy and prevent him using the air fields or harbours.

Naval Losses

"Our army was to destroy airborne attacks while the Navy held off or destroyed sea-borne attacks. But there was a time limit.

"The action of the Navy in maintaining the northern sea guard without adequate air defence was bound to be very costly. It is known how serious were those losses.

"We could only stand a certain proportion of naval losses before the northern sea guard of the Fleet would have to be withdrawn.

"If, meanwhile, the Army could succeed in biting off the head of the whole terrific apparatus of the air-borne invasion before the naval time limit, or the loss limit, was reached, then the enemy would have to begin all over again.

"Having regard to the enormous unprecedented scale of the operation and the losses he would have to incur, he might well for the time being have at least broken it off — at any rate there would have been a long delay before he could have mounted it again.

The Critics

"That was the basis on which the decision was reached. What would our critics have said if we had given up Crete without firing a shot?

"We should have been told this had surrendered to the enemy the key of the eastern Mediterranean that our communications with Malta and our power to interrupt the enemy's communications with Libya were grievously endangered.

"There is only too much truth in all that, although perhaps it will not in the end turn out too badly.

"Crete was an extremely important salient in our line of defence, like the Fort of Douaumont at Verdun in 1916, and like Kemmel Hill in 1918.

"These were taken by the Germans but in each case the Germans lost the battle and also the campaign, and in the end lost the war, but can you be sure the same result would have been achieved if the Allies had not fought for Douaumont and Kemmel Hill?

Relation To The Whole

"These battles can only be judged in their relation to the campaign as a whole.

"I have been asked why were the Cretan air fields not mined beforehand or again why were they not commanded by long-range gunfire, or why there were not more tanks allotted to their defences, and so on.

"I can answer these but I do not propose to discuss tactics here because it is quite impossible for us to fight battles in detail either beforehand or afterwards from Whitehall or from the Commons.

"His Majesty's Government, in their responsibility to Parliament, choose the best generals they can find, set before them the broad strategic objects of a campaign, ask the necessary searching questions, offer them any advice or counsel that may seem fitting and then support them to the best of their power in men and munitions and also, so long as they retain their confidence, they support them with loyal comradeship in failure or success.

Only Answer To Defeat

"It is impossible to go into tactical details and I never remember in the last War, in those great battles which cost something like forty, fifty or 70,000 men — I am talking of battles of a single day — and in which sometimes there were grave errors made, they were often made the subject of an arraignment of the Government in the Commons.

"It is only where great strategic issues of policy come that it is fitting for us to endeavour to form a final opinion.

"DEFEAT IS BITTER. THERE IS NO USE IN TRYING TO EXPLAIN DEFEAT. PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE DEFEAT AND DO NOT LIKE EXPLANATIONS, HOWEVER ELABORATE OR PLAUSIBLE. THE ONLY ANSWER TO DEFEAT IS VICTORY.

Must Have Foundation

"If Government in wartime gives the impression that it cannot in the long run procure a victory, who cares for its explanations? It ought to go. That is, if you are quite sure you can find another which can do better.

"However, no Government can conduct war unless it stands on a solid and stable foundation and knows it and, like a great ship can win through a period of storms into clearer weather.

"Unless there is a strong impression of solidarity of strength in Government in time of war, Government cannot give the support necessary to fighting men and their commanders in a difficult period, a disheartening and disappointing period.

"If Government has always to be looking over its shoulder to see whether it is going to be stabbed in the back or not, it cannot possibly keep its eye on the enemy.

British Are Unique

"Another point of some difficulty which presents itself to me whenever I am asked to make a statement to the House is whether I ought to encourage good hopes of a successful outcome of particular operations or prepare the public for a serious disappointment. From a purely British standpoint there is no doubt that the second of these courses is to be preferred and this course I have usually followed.

"The British nation is unique in this respect that they are the only people who like to be told how bad things are, who like to be told the worst and like to be told that they are very likely going to get much worse in the future and must prepare themselves for further reverses.

"But when you go to other countries—oddly enough I saw a message from the authorities who are most concerned with our Arab problem at present, urging we should be careful not to indulge in too many gloomy forecasts. The Arabs do not understand British character of meeting trouble long before it comes and I think it is much better to go on putting a bold face on things and then meet disaster when it arrives.

Seized Upon By Enemy

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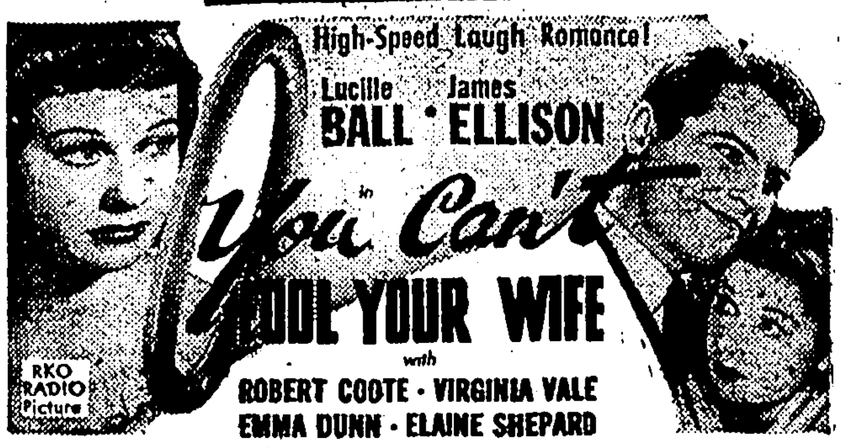

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BRITISH LOSSES IN CRETE WERE THE HEAVIEST

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encourage the enemy who of course seizes upon phrases of any gloomy allusion and repeats a hundredfold in its strident propaganda.

"It makes me feel very much whether members of Parliament have not got to pick their words very carefully. In this deadly war in which we are gripped with dangers which are measureless as they are unprecedented, closing upon us in so many quarters with so much to defend and such limited resources, so many changes which may turn ill against us — it is a great pity if statements are made which add nothing to the informative criticism which is so valuable but can be taken from their context and placarded all over the world as a sign that we are not united or that our case is much worse than it is.

"One thing I regret very much is that the brunt of this fighting in the Middle East should have fallen so heavily on the splendid Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I regret it for this reason among others, that German propaganda is always reproaching us for fighting with other people's blood and they mock us with insulting taunt that England will fight to the last Australian or New Zealander.

"I was very glad to see Mr. Menzies in a noble speech on Sunday deal with this vile propaganda as it deserved.

British Losses Heavier

"There have been, in fact, since 1941 almost as many British as there were Australians and New Zealand troops engaged in all operations in the Western Desert, in Greece and in Crete.

"Losses during this year compared with the numbers engaged are slightly heavier for the British than for Dominion troops. In Crete also the numbers were almost exactly equal and the British losses again slightly heavier.

"These figures include killed, wounded and missing and they include Indian and non-British troops.

"In order to turn the edge of this German propaganda, I have asked the Secretary for War to endeavour to have mentioned more frequently the names of the British regiments when this can be done without detriment to operations.

Heavy Marine Casualties

"The following British regiments and units, for instance, fought in Crete: Connaught Rangers, Black Watch, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Leicestershire Regiment, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and a number of Royal Marines who formed the rearguard and suffered most heavily of all.

"IN FACT 2,000 ROYAL MARINES LANDED IN CRETE; 1,400 BECAME CASUALTIES OR PRISONERS.

"Naval losses in these operations exceed 500 officers and men and while this was going on we also lost 1,300 men in H.M.S. Hood."

The Premier continued: "Of the 90,000 lives lost hitherto in this war at home and abroad at least 85,000 come from the Mother Country. Therefore I repel and repudiate German taunts on behalf of the Mother Country and of the Dominions of Australia and New Zealand themselves.

Might Be Asked

"It might well be asked, 'Why, having to begin the Battle of Crete, did you not persist in the defence of the island? You could bring 17,000 men safely to return to Egypt. Why could not you have reinforced with 17,000 men to carry on the battle?'

"The moment it was proved that we could not rush air-borne landings before the Fleet losses became too heavy to hold off seaborne landings, Crete was lost and it was necessary to save what was possible of the Army.

"It is one thing to take off 17,000 men with side arms and another to land them in fighting conditions with guns and material. It is a wonderful thing that as many as 17,000 got away in the face of the enemy's overwhelming command of the air.

No Regrets

"We should not regret the battle of Crete. The fighting there attained a severity and fierceness which the Germans had not previously encountered in their walk through Europe.

"In killed, wounded, missing and prisoners we lost 15,000 men. This takes no account of the losses of the Greeks and Cretans who fought with the utmost bravery and suffered so heavily.

"On the other hand, from most careful and precise enquiries, we believe that about 5,000 Germans were drowned in trying to cross the sea and they lost 12,000 killed or wounded on the island itself.

"In addition, the air-borne force which the Germans employed sustained extraordinary losses, about 180 fighters and bombers being destroyed as well as about 250 troop-carrying 'planes. This, when our air strength is overtaking the enemy's, is important.

Well Worth It

"I am sure it will be found that this sombre and ferocious battle, which was lost upon no great margin, was well worth the fighting and will play an extremely important part in the whole defence of the Nile Valley throughout the present year.

"It is asked, will the lessons of Crete be learned and will they affect the defence of this island?

"Officers who participated in the thickest of the fighting, including a New Zealand Brigadier, are already approaching this country. Very full appreciations have been made by the Staff in the Middle East and are being made in more lengthy form.

"This material will be examined by the staff here and will be placed at the disposal of Sir Alan Brooke, who commands the several millions of armed men in this island, including the Home Guard. Every effort will be made to profit thereby.

"THERE ARE TWO FACTS TO BE BORNE IN MIND IN COMPARING WHAT HAPPENED IN CRETE AND WITH WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN HERE.

Two Facts

"Firstly, we rely upon superiority in the air, certainly upon much greater air power, both actually and relatively, than was proved sufficient last Autumn. This sustains not only land defence but liberates again the power of the Navy from the thraldom in which it was held round Crete.

"Secondly, the scale of effort required of the Germans in the attack would have to be multiplied many times over what was necessary in Crete, and it might be this would be beyond the capacity of their resources for their schemes.

"We shall not be lulled by these two arguments into any undue sense of security. An attack by parachute troops and gliders may be likened to incendiary bombs which, if not quickly extinguished one by one, may lead not only to serious fires but to an enormous conflagration.

Nothing Will Be Stinted

"We are making many improvements in the defence of our air fields and in the mobility of our forces which will be employed upon that and on other tasks. Nothing will be stinted and not a moment will be lost.

"It is not true that Germans clothed their parachute troops who attacked Crete in New Zealand uniforms. I gave that report to the House as it reached me from the C.-in-C. Middle East, but he now informs me that the mistake arose from the fact that parachute troops, after landing at one point, drove a number of New Zealand walking wounded before them and along with them in their attacks and consequently the cry arose that they themselves were in New Zealand uniform.

"There is no objection to the use of parachute troops in war, so long as they are dressed in the distinctive uniforms of their country. This kind of fighting is however, bound to become very fierce as it breaks out behind the fronts and lines of the Army and the civil population is almost immediately involved."

Hore-Belisha Again

Mr. Churchill then turned to Syria, when Mr. Hore-Belisha invited him to say something about the Air Arm cooperation.

Mr. Churchill declared that in the last year, the great need was to multiply fighters and bombers. It became an enormously important matter.

Nevertheless a proportion of Army Cooperation squadrons were associated with the military forces but not on a scale which was desirable.

"It is of the utmost consequence that every division, especially every armoured division, should have the chance to

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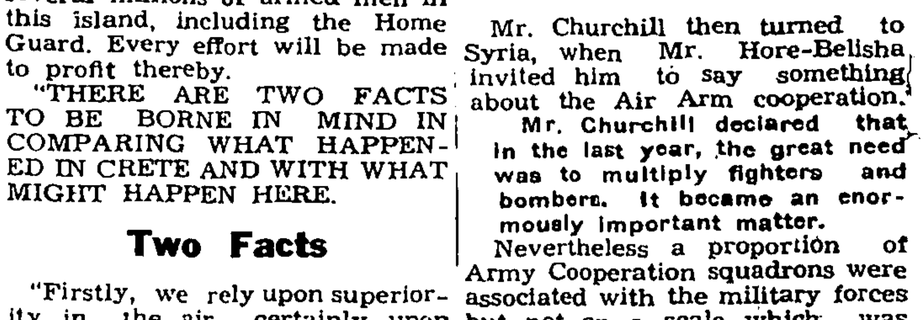

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That is how an R.A.F. pilot described a bomber crew when out on a raid, and their dependence on wireless. He was speaking to the workers in a factory which, before the war, turned out a well-known make of wireless set, but which is now entirely given over to the production of radio equipment for aircraft.

Visits to factories by pilots and other members of aircraft crews arranged by the Ministry of Aircraft Production, are proving of the utmost value in stimulating the workers. Many factory jobs are dull; many, under conditions of mass production, are so remote from the finished article as to seem almost pointless. But now that crews visit factories and factory workers visit R.A.F. stations the workers in the shops meet the flying men. They learn how vital to the R.A.F. is the humblest job in the production of aircraft and of aircraft equipment.

At this particular radio factory the visiting pilot was accompanied by two sergeants, one a wireless-operator and the other an air gunner with a newly conferred D.F.M. Each had been on many bombing raids. They spent the morning and afternoon at the factory going round the benches. In the lunch hour they each briefly addressed the workers assembled in the factory canteen.

The wireless-operator was able to speak technically about radio; the air gunner described raids to Berlin and Milan; and the pilot—a Flying Officer — made it clear that he owed his life to wireless. His aircraft, badly shot about, was obliged to come down in the sea; but an S.O.S. had already been sent out, and after 12 hours in a rubber boat he and his crew were rescued.

The applause which greeted the speakers was not merely polite. This was shown by the subsequent rush to secure their autographs. For quite twenty minutes they were kept busy scribbling.

WATCH AFRICA CLOSELY

Frenchmen in London are contantly repeating to their British friends, "Watch Africa." Everything is being done in North Africa to betray the French Empire and, they say, to betray Great Britain.

Mr. de Brinon, Ambassador in Paris of Vichy, said in an interview with an American journalist that "collaboration with Germany must be extended to the African continent," adding. "It is in our best interests to associate in the minds of the natives the long built up prestige of France with the prestige of our German conqueror."

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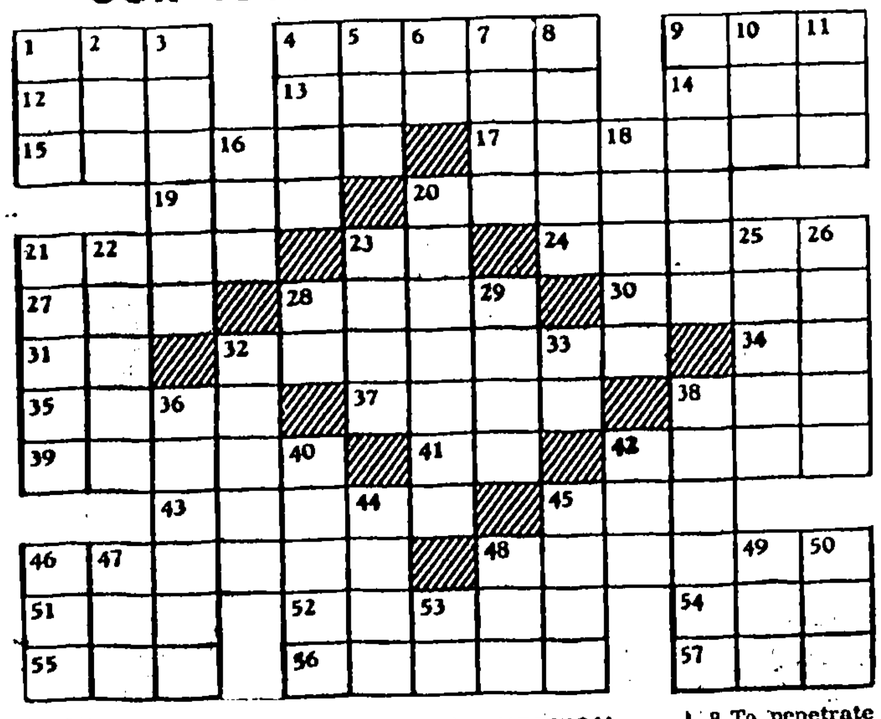

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1 To take unlawfully
4 Division of society
9 Informer
12 Flurry
13 Foreign
14 American writer
15 Former Balkan kingdom
17 Passageway connecting two bodies of water
19 Sped
20 To pilot
21 Ancient city in Asia Minor
23 By
24 Honey-badger
27 To chop
28 Melodies
30 Stride
31 Siberian river
32 Eight-armed cephalopod
34 Note of scale
35 To vend
37 Card game
38 Fuel
39 To omit
41 Teutonic deity
42 Lane
43 Endows
45 Droning noise
46 Reluctant
48 To walk with difficulty
51 Split pulse
52 Hebrew prophet
54 Rowing implement
55 Some
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57 Cleaning substance

VERTICAL
1 Ethiopian title
2 Poem
3 To take as one's own
4 Son of Adam
5 Wing
6 Italian for "yes"
7 To examine
8 To penetrate
9 Ancient rival of Athens
10 Hawaiian dish
11 However
16 Body of water
18 Harvests
20 Oarsmen
21 The ones there
22 Resent control
23 Isles
25 Splendour
26 Confining strap
28 Suffix: affected by
29 To box
32 More aged
33 Low note
36 Energetic
38 To frolic
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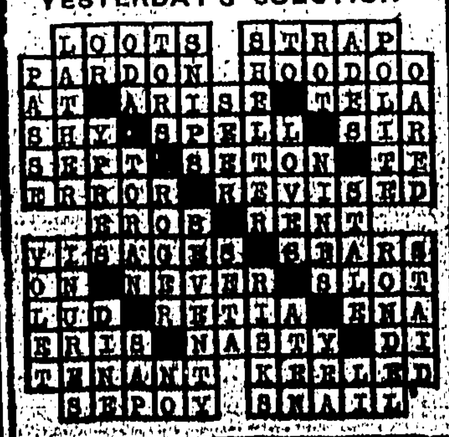

SHANGHAI ITALIANS SENTENCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

C. Constantini, secretary of the Italian Fascisti in Shanghai and member of the Shanghai Municipal Council Library Committee, was yesterday sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment with the alternative of a fine of 1,500 lira, sentence to be suspended for a period of five years, by Judge Rapex at the Italian Consular Court on assault charges preferred by George Leonoff, city editor of the "China Press."

Three accomplices, Messrs. Penucci, Morelli and Corigliani, were given 15 days or the alternative of a 750 lira fine, and sentences were also suspended for five years.

It will be recalled that the accused attacked Leonoff on May 23 for writing anti-Italian articles.

The victim was lured to the western district and an attempt was made to force him to drink castor oil. In the struggle the victim was knocked down, bruised and smeared with oil. The victim subsequently reported the matter to the Police who charged the Italians.—International News Service.

BOMBED KITTEN AS MASCOT

Airmen, passing a bomb shattered house after an Italian air raid on Suda Bay, Crete, heard the mewing of a cat in the ruins. Villagers said it had been there for three days.

For three hours the Royal Air Force men dug deep down among the ruins, rescued the kitten, and dressed its wounds. It is now a happy member of the squadron.

Another squadron in Greece had a mascot which answers to the name of "Blenheim Mark Four." He is one of a litter of eight puppies which were born in the cockpit of a Blenheim bomber on the aerodrome.

Anti-aircraft gunners at another R.A.F. aerodrome in Greece, have adopted a baby donkey, which, so they declare, brays only at the approach of enemy aircraft—and the dinner hour.

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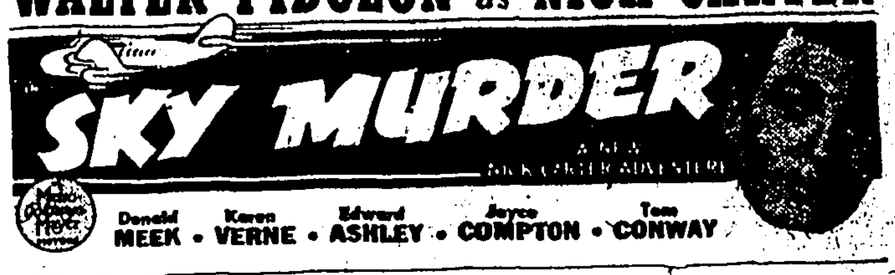

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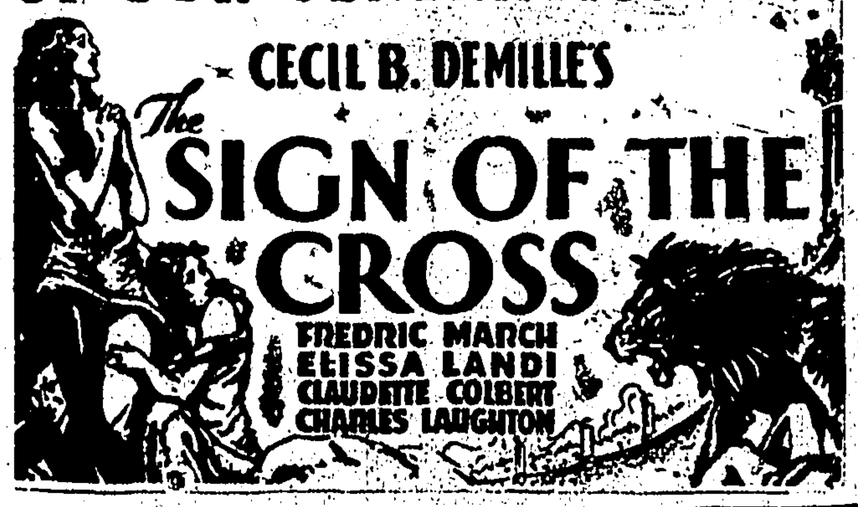

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live its daily life and training in close and precise relationship with the particular number of aircraft that it knows it can call up at need.

"It was not possible last year to provide it on a scale without trenching on other domains which were more vital to our safety but it is the intention to go forward on that path immediately and provide the Army with a considerably larger number of aeroplanes suited entirely to the work they have to do and above all to the development of that wireless connection between ground forces, the air and the military, which the Germans have carried to such an extraordinary point of perfection.

Made No Difference

"If this had been done in Crete it would not have made any difference to the event there because the numbers there for the purpose of cooperation with the troops could not have altered events."

Replying to a question on who decided that the air forces on the aerodrome in Crete were to be withdrawn, Mr. Churchill said it was decided by the Commander-in-Chief, Air Forces, in the Middle East, on the recommendation of General Freyberg, and concurred in by the commander of the Fleet Air Arm on the spot.

Mr. Churchill continued that the numbers were small and if they had not been withdrawn they would have been blown off the aerodrome without having been able in the slightest degree to affect the course of events.

Coming to the Syria operation, Mr. Churchill repeated that we have no territorial designs in Syria or anywhere else in French territory.

Reassurance To French

"We seek no colonies or advantages of any kind for ourselves in this war. Let none of our French friends be deceived by blatant German and Vichy propaganda.

"On the contrary we shall do all in our power to restore the freedom, independence and rights of France.

"In a letter I wrote to General de Gaulle I said we shall do all in our power to restore France's freedom and rights but it would be for the French to aid in restoring her greatness. There can be no doubt that General de Gaulle is a more zealous defender of France's interests than are the men of Vichy whose policy is that of utter subservience to the German enemy.

Only Choice

"IT DID NOT TAKE MUCH INTELLIGENCE TO SEE THAT THE INFILTRATION INTO SYRIA BY THE GERMANS AND THEIR INTRIGUES IN IRAQ CONSTITUTED A VERY GREAT DANGER TO THE WHOLE EASTERN FLANK OF OUR DEFENCE IN THE NILE VALLEY AND THE SUEZ CANAL.

"The only choice before us in the theatre of war for some time has been whether to encourage the Free French to attempt a counter-penetration by themselves or whether, at a heavier risk in delay, to prepare a considerable force, as we have done It was also necessary to restore the position in Iraq before any serious advance in Syria could be made.

"Our relations with Vichy and the possibilities of an open breach with the Vichy Government evidently raised the military and strategic significance of these movements to the very highest point.

Finally, and above all, the formidable menace of an invasion of Egypt by the German Army in Cyrenaica, supported by large Italian forces, with this position in Syria, has very nearly gone.

Nazi Prison Spreading

"The German poison was spreading throughout the country and the revolt in Iraq, perhaps beginning prematurely, enabled us to take the necessary measures to correct the evil, but we must not rejoice or give way to jubilation while we are engaged in operations of this difficulty and when the reaction of the Germans still remains to us obscure and unknown.

"It is very easy for critics, without troubling too much about resources and even without a sense of time, to clamour for action, now here, now there, without even a cursory examination of the atlas, but the House will best guard its own dignity and authority by refraining from taking sweeping or superficial views.

"Others have said we must follow a hand to mouth strategy.

Easier Said Than Done

"We must regain the initiative and impart to all our operations that sense of mastery and design which the Germans so often display. Nobody agrees with that more than I do but it is a good deal easier said than done, especially while the enemy possesses vastly superior resources and many strategic advantages.

"For all those reasons I have never encouraged hopes of a short and easy war. Nonetheless, it would be a mistake to go to the other extreme and belittle the remarkable achievements of our country and its armed forces. There are many things for which we may be thankful.

"Air attack on this island has not overwhelmned us, indeed we have risen through it strengthened and glorified.

Production Higher

"There is no truth in the statement that productivity in our factories is falling off at an alarming rate. It may not be going as fast as we would like, and if anyone can tell us how to make it go faster, he will be rendering a great service, but it is not a simple question of giving very stringent orders and demands. There is much more than that in making the whole of our factories go properly.

"But it is the exact reverse of the truth to say that productivity is falling off at an alarming rate.

"In guns and heavy tanks, for instance, the monthly average for the first quarter of 1941 was 50 per cent. greater than in the last quarter of 1940. The output for the month of May was the highest yet attained and more than double the monthly rate for the last quarter of 1940.

Battle Of The Atlantic

"In the first place we have not been overwhelmned by an air attack and our production, so far from being beaten down by disorganisation of attack, has been increasing at very high rate.

"The Battle of the Atlantic is also being well maintained.

"In January, Hitler mentioned March as the peak month of his effort against us on the sea. We were to be exposed to attacks on a scale never before dreamed of and there were rumours of hundreds of U-boats and masses of aircraft to be used against us.

"These rumours were spread against us in the world and a very alarming impression produced.

"Apart from the losses incurred in the fight in the Mediterranean, which were serious, the month of May was the best month we had for some time on the Atlantic. Prodigious exertions were made to bring in cargoes and to protect ships and these exertions have not failed.

"It is much easier to sink ships than to build them or to bring them safely across the ocean.

Astonishing Fact

"It is a most astonishing fact that in the month of May we sank or captured of caused to be scuttled no less that 257,000 tons of enemy shipping, although they present us with a target which is perhaps one-tenth as great as we present to them.

"While they sneak from port to port under the protection of their air umbrella and make short, furtive voyages from port to port across the sea, we maintain our world wide traffic with never less than 2,000 ships on the seas or less than 40 in the danger zone on any day.

"Yet the losses inflicted upon them in the month of May were in the nature of three-quarters of the losses they inflicted on us.

"This also has a bearing on the possibility of a sea-borne invasion because destruction of enemy tonnage is proceeding at a most rapid and satisfactory rate.

"Nor need these solid grounds for thankfulness and confidence fall upon us when we look at the aspect of the war in the Middle East.

"We have been at war for 21 months. Almost a year has passed since France deserted us and Italy came in against us.

The Position To-day

"If anybody had said in June last we should to-day hold every yard of territory for which Britain is responsible in the Middle East, that we should have conquered the whole of the Italian Empire of Abyssinia, Eritrea and East Africa, that Egypt, Palestine and Iraq would have been successfully defended, he would have been thought a very foolish visionary.

"But that is the position at the moment. It is more than three months since the Germans gave out they would be in Suez in a month and were telling the Spaniards that when Suez fell they would have to come into the war.

"Two months ago many people thought we should be driven out of Tobruk or forced to capitulate there. The last time we had a debate on the war, an instructed commentator warned us gravely of the danger of the German thrust at Assiout, at the head of the Delta.

"Six weeks ago all Iraq was in flame and Habbaniyah was declared to be in direct jeopardy. Women and children were evacuated by air. It was reported from enemy quarters that surrender would be forced.

All Now Regained

"A hostile insurgent government ruled in Baghdad in closest association with the Germans and Italians. Our forces were pinned in Basrah, having only just landed. Kirkuk and Mosul were in enemy hands.

"ALL HAS NOW BEEN REGAINED. WE ARE ADVANCING INTO SYRIA IN FORCE. OUR FRONT AT MERSA MATRUH, IN THE WESTERN DESERT, IS UNBROKEN AND OUR DEFENSIVE LINES THERE ARE STRONGER THAN EVER.

"Large forces which were occupied in the conquest of Abyssinia are now set free with an immense mass of transport and large numbers are on the way to, or have already reached, the Delta of the Nile.

"It would be most unfair and wrong and very silly, in the midst of the defence which has so far been crowned with remarkable success, to select the loss of the Crete salient as an excuse and pretext for branding with failure, or taunt the great campaign for the defence of the Middle East, which has so far prospered beyond all expectation and is now entering upon an even more intense and critical phase.

A Famous Chapter

"I give no guarantee and make no promise or prediction for the future, but if the next six months, during which we must expect ever harder fighting and many disappointments, should find us in no worse a position than that in which we now stand to-day, if after having fought so long alone and single-handed against the might of Germany and against Italy and against the intrigues and treachery of Vichy, we should still be found faithful and unbeaten guardians of the Nile Valley and of the regions that lie about it, then I say a famous chapter will have been written in the martial history of the British Empire and the Commonwealth.

After Mr. Churchill's speech the House of Commons adjourned without a vote.—Reuter.

NUNS INTERNED IN BARRACKS

There are still 2,900 British civilians interned at Besancon.

This was ascertained on a recent visit by Dr. Marcel Junod, delegate of the International Red Cross Committee, according to the Swiss Telegraphic Agency.

Dr. Junod found here were 500 sick and aged British internees in St. Jacques' Hospital and 2,400 persons including 450 nuns, interned in the Vauban Barracks.

Dr. Junod was able to confirm the safe arrival on January 25 and 26 of 5,900 British Red Cross parcels by way of Geneva, through the Central Prisoners of War Agency. These were distributed on January 28 and 29.

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A "HUMAN NEEDS" DIET

The Oxford Institute of Statistics in its latest bulletin makes a most interesting attempt to find out what it costs now to obtain a "human needs" diet—a properly balanced diet for the family of low income. Prices were collected from the cheapest shops in Oxford and a diet compiled to correspond as nearly as possible in nutritional values with that laid down by the British Medical Association.

Mr. Seebohm Rowntree's inquiry in 1936 put the cost of such a "human needs" diet for a man, wife, and three young children at 23s. 5d. a week. The Oxford inquiry last month puts it at 32s.

So, in spite of the partial substitution of cheap for more expensive foods, the outlay will be 41 per cent. more than in 1936. In the same period the Ministry of Labour's food index has risen by about 27 per cent. (20 per cent. since the war).

The comparison does not speak well for the present-day value of the official index. The diet is, however, short of Vitamin C and probably also of iron and calcium. Its mineral content and also its richness in the Vitamin B group would probably be improved if brown were substituted for white bread—a matter of taste and of price. The shortage of fruit makes it difficult to supply the Vitamin C deficiency at moderate cost.

While theoretically the diet may be reasonably adequate, the average housewife, it is urged, will scarcely be able to supply it to her family, since it involves more time spent in shopping and more cooking than is usually possible to her.

The conclusion, and it is an important one, is that such a diet could only be made generally available if people were to be supplied with one communal meal a day.

WHERE WILL THE WORM TURN?

A Self-Educated Army

By W.E. Williams

Most people are vaguely aware that, after many false starts, there is an Army education scheme in action, but they know very little about its purpose or about the way it works. Until a few weeks ago, apart, of course, from technical military training, there was one single educational source in the adult education bodies of Great Britain. These bodies, working through regional committees provided Army and R.A.F. units with lectures and discussions on a wide variety of subjects. The massed resources of university extension, W.E.A., local education authorities, &c. were thus lent, at first on a voluntary basis, to those citizens who had also become soldiers and airmen for the duration.

But adult education in peacetime provides lecturers for an audience not one-twentieth the size of the Army to-day. The only possible way of supplementing this inadequate ration of imported education was for the Army to attempt to produce some of its own education. In its wise and imaginative pamphlet "Education in the War-time Army." as well as in later instructions, the War Office has urged on units the importance of developing their own cultural resources, and to-day, although the Army is using to the full the available services of the adult education bodies, it is also increasing, week by week, the number of "home-produced" educational classes. Unit education officers are now finding and using the teaching talent of officers and men at a rapidly increasing rate.

Any one who has spent a few weeks observing at close quarters the development of the new Army education scheme is at first bewildered by the contrasts it presents. In one unit the only sample you are offered is a weekly debate on such a topic as "Amateur v. professional in sport" or a spirited performance by a small percussion band. But in another unit you will find a timetable which includes within a single week classes in French, German, music, drama, world affairs, local government, elementary science, and archaeology. There are units so well off in teaching talent that they can not only provide their own men with a wide choice of subjects but can also lend their surplus to their poorer neighbours. In many places, again, the soldiers still depend entirely on the "imported" educational rations instead of providing their own.

The truth is that in this still tentative and experimental scheme several policies are operating, and not all of them are effective or even desirable. In some places, for example, the well-meaning but premature policy was tried of "training the men for the return to civil life." On this basis artisans were coaxed to consider the advantages of a black-coated life after the war and for a few brief and disillusioning weeks tried to learn book-keeping or shorthand or commercial French. This idea is now less favoured, and the local education authorities are better engaged, apart from the considerable aid they are giving in technical training, in arranging courses in handicrafts, drama, music, and similar constructive kinds of recreation.

Another policy which gained a hold for a time was the anti-boredom line. It is probable that some commanding officers who would have been indifferent to "education for its own sake" were persuaded to push the scheme for its value in keeping the men occupied in the winter evenings. The weakness of the anti-boredom policy was that it tended to develop an indiscriminating idea of education. "Any old thing to interest the men" is an attitude which might soon produce the effect of a Gresham's Law and reduce educational effort to a sheer entertainment level. But one hears far less from commanding officers to-day than one did a few months ago about the antidote value of education and far more about its value as a stimulus to thought and as a provoker of positive new interests and occupations.

The growing understanding within the Army of the real cultural purposes of an educational system is best shown in the emphasis now set upon discussion. At first there used to be something of a parade atmosphere about this voluntary system. The "high spot" of the proceedings was regarded as What the Lecturer Said. The present inclination is to consider the lecture as the preliminary to an unfettered give-and-take of opinion among the men — feature all the more healthy because several officers are usually among the audiences.

Another good symptom is the effort being made to organise continuous courses in a subject rather than a series of unrelated lectures.

After a slow and uncertain start Army education has got on to the right lines and is developing at a surprisingly good pace. Its administration is in the very capable and enthusiastic hands of the Army Education Corps, recently reinforced by a keen "intake" of men who were W.E.A. tutors, officers of a local education authority, schoolmasters, and so on. Conditions of military training and movement make the whole scheme something of an obstacle race, yet those same conditions are making units realise that, however valuable the service they get from civilian sources, the only education scheme they can be sure of wherever they go is the one they provide for themselves. It is all the more lamentable that the A.T.S., so much more stationary than the men, have so far shown the most tepid interest in providing similar facilities for the women.

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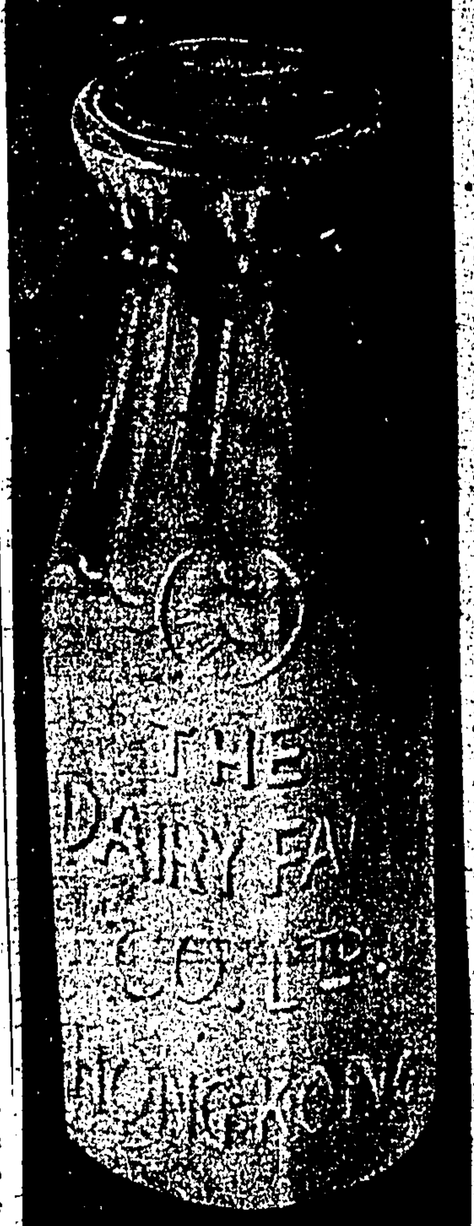

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M.P.s--71 AND 43--TALK OF THEIR YOUTH v AGE DUEL

SIR HENRY FILDES, 71-years-old M.P. who has challenged a 30-years-younger M.P. to billiards, running, tennis, and squash — he has already won the billiards — spends only three hours a night in bed.

"Ninety-seven per cent. of people die in bed," he said to a reporter recently, "so they won't catch me there."

Sir Henry is M.P. for Dumfries, and lives at Kerridge, near Macclesfield.

Mr. Edgar Granville (Lib. Nat., Eye, East Suffolk) criticised old men in a recent speech in the Commons. So Sir Henry, being assistant whip of the Liberal Party besides an old man, felt it was up to him to prove that the old 'uns were as good as the young 'uns, physically besides mentally.

Staying Power

He challenged "young" Mr. Granville to 100-up at billiards, a mile running race, a set at lawn tennis, and a game of squach.

When they played off the billiards Mr. Granville reached 99 when Sir Henry was still at 78.

"That's where my staying power came in," said Sir Henry. "I ran to 99 too—and then left him a double baulk."

Sir Henry is not going into training for the other tests. He says he has no need to.

"These lads must be put in their place and I shall do it because I'm a stayer.

"I go to bed at four in the morning and I'm up again at seven.

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"After midnight I read and play patience. I'm no crank.

"I keep fit by being moderate and sensible. I smoke eight cigarettes a day and enjoy a drink.

"I also enjoy hard work. When people ask me how I made £50,000 out of cotton I tell them I always went to work half an hour before my workpeople and stayed an hour longer.

"When I'd been doing this for years my father left me forty-nine thousand nine hundred pounds nineteen shilling and threepence."

It is now up to Mr. Granville to fix the time and place for the running, tennis, and squash.

Sir Henry is ready — "The sooner the better. I'll teach these youngsters. After all these jousts Mr. Granville will have to take his place at the bottom of the class."

Mr. Granville's comment was: "I hope Sir Henry will not collapse on the track."

MOLLISON TO FERRY BOMBERS

—Over Atlantic

Jim Mollison — who blazed the East-West air trail across the Atlantic in 1933—is now on "the other side" ready to ferry American bombers to Britain.

His great ambition was to join the "Atlantic Ferry Pool," so he became a junior member of Air Transport Auxiliary.

He quickly adapted himself to the discipline of this Service, and was soon able to fly any of the many types which A.T.A. handle.

Several hundred applications have poured in from men anxious to join the ferry pools as a result of Lord Londonderry's broadcast appeal for men up to 50 years of age.

Many had considerable experience during the last war. Some of these, flight tested, find they are a lot older than they thought, and it is not quite so easy coming back to it after 23 years.

HOW W.A.A.F. GOT ITS UNIFORM

Women of the W.A.A.F. very nearly did not have Air Force blue for their uniform — but khaki, like their comrades of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, of which they originally formed a part. And they only just missed losing their chosen peaked caps in favour of a hat on the lines of that worn by the W.R.N.S.

When, some months before the war started, what is now the W.A.A.F. still formed part of the A.T.S., the only distinguishing feature in the uniform of the "R.A.F. Companies" was an R.A.F. eagle embroidered in red on each shoulder of the khaki jacket. The decision at that time not to dress the R.A.F. Companies in blue, taken with great reluctance, was due to the dearth of blue cloth, all of which was required for the rapidly expanding Air Force.

It quickly became evident however that the women's Service working with the R.A.F. must have a separate identity, as did its predecessor of the last war—the Women's Royal Air Force. And even before the R.A.F. Companies were finally severed from the A.T.S. and formed into the W.A.A.F., it was felt that somehow the women must have Air Force blue, even if they had to wait a long time for it. The final word came from Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal—then Air Member of Council for Personnel. He said "It much be blue."

A new style uniform was then devised, the authorities wisely giving consideration to the women's own point of view. The result was the present distinctive blue uniform, with its slightly flared skirt and a tunic and cap which follows as closely as possible that worn by officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force. A special feature, unique in the uniforms of the Women's Services, is that badges of rank, as well as cap badges and buttons, are identical with those of the fighting Service to which the women are attached. This is regarded as a high honour. At first there was some doubt whether the cap badge and buttons of the R.A.F. could legally be adopted by the W.A.A.F., but this was settled when it was shown that similar badges and buttons were worn by the P.M.R.A.F. Nursing Service.

When Royal approval for the uniform was sought it was suggested that a different headdress might be an improvement. But, as this was a very special case, the King left the choice to the members themselves. They asked to be allowed to stick to their peaked cap, and His Majesty was glad to let the ladies have their own choice.

And so was born the modern uniform of the W.A.A.F. proudly worn by many thousands of women from all walks of life, of whom many have added to the laurels of the Flying Service by deeds of valour whilst serving at R.A.F. Stations.

AMERICANS 'MARVELLOUS' TO BRITISH CHILDREN

Nearly 100 parents of children evacuated to the U.S.A. met in London recently for the inauguration of "The Kinsmen," an association for fostering friendship with the U.S.A. and for keeping in better touch with the British children there.

Founder and chairman of the movement is blue-eyed petite Mrs. Lucie Bemrose, of Derby; committee members are mothers and fathers of the evacuated children.

At the meeting letters and snapshots from the children were exchanged and snatches of conversation such as "Doesn't Winnie look fine," "This is Johnny when he left home, and this is his latest snap."

"Hope Of Children"

So popular was this impromptu snap exhibition that a formal one has been arranged.

Mrs. Bemrose said: — "This association will be the means of dispersing news among parents.

"Some of the children are not consistent letter writers, and parents want as much American news as they can get.

"We have found that we are of the same opinion on many points — that the American foster-parents are simply marvellous to our children Their generosity knows no bounds. In many cases education and medical fees are being waived.

"The foster parents' letters to us are among the big events of our lives.

"The American idiom is becoming noticeable even in the letters of our children."

The association proposes to meet monthly.

After the meeting the following cable was sent to President Roosevelt:

This first meeting of The Kinsmen parents of British children in the safe keeping of the United States sends its heartfelt thanks to the people of America for their generous hospitality and to you, Mr. President, to the hope you hold out for the future of children everywhere.

WIRELESS SET STOOD UP TO A 1,000 LB. BOMB

A small wireless set in a house in which a delayed action 1,000lb. bomb exploded was plugged in after being buried in the crater for a fortnight—and worked perfectly. Radio experts describe it as a great tribute to British workmanship.

When the bomb fell on a house at a South-East Coast town, the occupants were listening to the news and just had time to get out before the explosion. The house was destroyed.

"It was buried deep in the crater," Mr. W. A. Rood told a reporter. "We took it away and plugged it in, never expecting for a second that it would work. The first item to come over was the news."

SPEECH OF MR. HENRY F. GRADY

DEMOCRACY IS UNDERGOING ITS SEVEREST TEST

"DEMOCRACY IS undergoing its severest test, and it will survive only in the event it can be made to work efficiently." Such is the premise on which Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, based his talk, "The Challenge to Democracy," at the Jefferson Day Dinner in Oakland.

"Democracy, as a form of Government, will not survive unless it can be made to achieve higher accomplishments and a happier state than any rival form of government," Mr. Grady said. "To get these results, Democracy must be made efficient. And we can get this efficiency only when there is real devotion to the cause of Democracy, and people are willing to work and sacrifice for it."

Declaring that "Democracy is essentially a voluntary enterprise" Mr. Grady added:

"Our form of government is based on the free will of the people. And just as Democracy's cardinal virtue is personal liberty, so we have within ourselves the free choice to preserve or destroy it. To preserve Democracy we must make it our responsibility, individually and collectively, to see that it functions with a high degree of effectiveness.

"Must Make War"

"This is especially true during an emergency such as we are facing to-day, when highly organised collectivist states have savagely challenged the democratic way of life. To meet this challenge we must make war on the enemies of Democracy from within. There are those among us who do not share the cooperative concept of Democracy, who seek special privilege, and who organise pressure groups to further their selfish ends in conflict with the public interest. To make Democracy work we must subject personal and group interest to the National Interest which must at all times be supreme."

Paraphrasing the axiom that "Democracy has within it the seeds of its own destruction," Mr. Grady explained there is too often a deadly time lag in the functioning of democratic government which places the latter at a distinct disadvantage in dealing with totalitarian states whose leaders move at will without having to consult with or answer to their regimented subjects.

He continued: "This advantage for the dictators, however, is more than offset by the power and efficiency of a free people voluntarily mobilised to protect their interests. Once the people of a democracy become thoroughly aroused to their danger and freely unite in the high common purpose of defending their liberties, they are always a more formidable foe than a regimented people galvanised into action by the lash of a dictator."

Keystones

"Ironically," Mr. Grady said, "Democracy's strength is also its greatest weakness. Free speech, the right of assembly, unlimited debate and referendum . . . . these are all keystones of Democracy. And yet confronted by powerful, hard-hitting dictators who answer to no one, these blessings of a free people, unless rationalised and used with great discretion, may be turned against them and made the instrumen's of their own destruction. We have seen this happen in Europe, and we should make haste to see that it does not happen in America."

In conclusion, Mr. Grady said:

"The problem is: Will we in America meet the threat in time? Have we the determination to make Democracy work, through the willingness to sacrifice much now, so that we will not have to sacrifice everything later? Have we the good sense to forego partisan bickering and endless debate, while time is our greatest asset? The answer to these and other questions will determine whether or not we will be successful in meeting the challenge to Democracy."

ELINOR, AT 76, WANTS TO AID WAR

At the age of 76, Mrs. Elinor Glyn—the romantic novelist, and the first woman to use the word "It" for "glamour" — is hoping to broadcast British propaganda to the women of the world.

Despite her years, Mrs. Glyn still retains much of the personality and beauty that made her famous as a writer and society hostess.

"Yes, I am still the woman with the flaming red hair and green eyes," she stated.

Mrs. Glyn had never pretended to be unconscious of her beauty, and it was obvious that to-day she still pays as much attention to her looks as a woman half her age.

Her Titian hair was carefully coiffeured and her lips and eyes were faultlessly made up.

"Do I look 76?" she asked me as she fingered a rope of pearls round her neck and adjusted a beautiful fur wrap across the shoulders of her fashionable grey dress.

At The Front

"I feel I can do something to help win this war, and the only way, at my age, is to reach the largest possible audience through the wireless," she said.

In the last war Mrs. Glyn was one of the ablest of official propagandists. She had an office in Paris, where she wrote propaganda about the French for America and about the Americans for the troops in France.

She paid several visits to the front line.

WAR WITHIN WAR

In the middle of a war two factions of M.P.s want the House of Commons to decide on the merits or demerits of the Oxford Group.

More than fifty M.P.s have associated themselves with a request to the Board of Trade President to revoke the licence granted under the Companies Act to Dr. Frank Buchman and his associates in the Group.

One of the reasons given is "that Dr. Buchman's activities have been harmful to the British cause in many countries and are now occupying in the United States a number of young British subjects who might be better employed in this country."

Amendment

Meanwhile, Sir Robert Gower (Con., Gillingham) and others tabled this amendment to the motion:—

"That this House welcomes the campaign of the Oxford Group for moral rearmament with its results in heightened national moral, increased industrial cooperation and the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between this country, the Dominions and the United States."

PILOTLESS 'PLANE'S DIRECT HITS

A robot 'plane of revolutionary design is being tested by United States aviation officials at Hawaii and in Virginia, according to U.S. newspapers.

Experts have worked for ten years on this pilotless aeroplane, which is operated by radio control. It takes off, discharges its bombs over a distant target, returns and lands untouched by a human hand.

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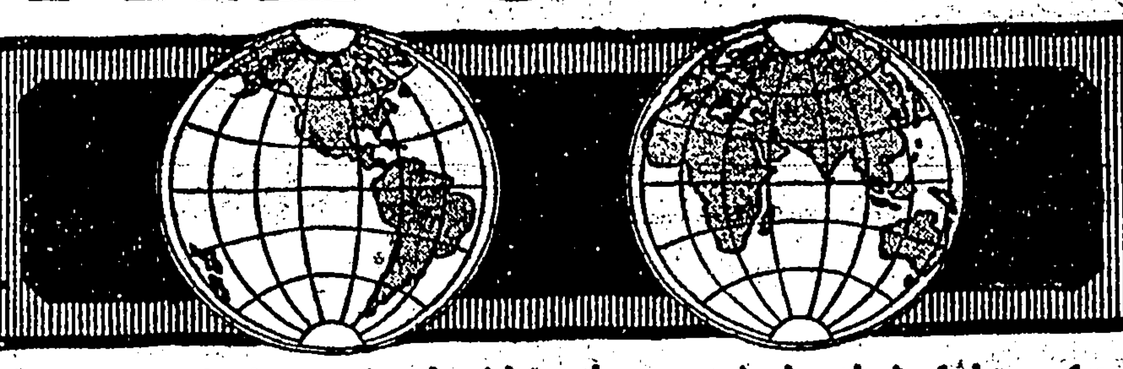

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BRIDGE NOTES

HANDLING A PARTNER
By The Four Aces

When an expert gets bad results with a poor partner, it may seem that the poor player is at fault — but it is usually the expert's fault just the same. Proper handling would have produced better results. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K
♡ 9 7 3
◇ K 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 2

WEST
♠ J 5 4
♡ 10 8 5 4
◇ 8 7 3
♣ K 6 3

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 3
♡ K 6 2
◇ A 10 9 6
♣ 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 6 2
♡ A Q J
◇ Q J 5 4
♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North was an expert, and South was just an average player. North's jump to five clubs might be a sound bid if South were an expert, but North should have recognised his partner's limitations. If he had thought about it, he would have realised that South would automatically bid five no-trump.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE . . . 3
KING . . 2
QUEEN . 1
JACK . . . ½
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North might have elected to pass at three no-trump and allow his partner to play the hand at a not unreasonable contract. But if North wanted to play the hand at exactly five clubs, he chose the wrong road to that object.

A good "handler" would bid only four clubs, knowing that South would automatically bid four no-trump. Then North would bid five clubs — and South would surely understand the warning and would pass.

Five clubs, of course, cannot be defeated; and five no-trump is a very unsound contract. Correct psychology would have enabled North to steer the bidding to the right contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 8 6 3 2
♡ 7
◇ Q J 6 4
♣ K 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1NT	Dbl.	2♡	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Partner's double shows a strong hand; and game is likely if he has support for spades. If he lacks spade support, you are ready for any other suit he names.

Score 100% for two spades, 30% for pass.

Question No. 739

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 10 7 5 2
♡ J 8
◇ A 6 3
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1◇	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AIR FRANCE MEN FOR R.C.A.F.

The majority of the personnel in South America of Air France, the famous French civil air line, appear to be supporters of the Free French movement and General de Gaulle.

This is confirmed by a circular letter from the authorities of the Free French movement to the de Gaulle societies in America.

Some technicians from South America are already on their way from South America to Montreal, via New York, to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

"SOUND" OPINIONS

A bomber station is filled with sounds by day, but the sounds of the night are the most significant. The sounds take on a new meaning, and each one tells a story.

Many of the personnel have their favourite sounds, and they like to indicate them to visitors. They say "Listen to that!" or "Doesn't that thrill you?"

Here is a symposium of opinions from flying men and others who make their home on bomber stations.

A Medical Officer: "I'm always stirred by the rat-a-tat of the machine-guns as the rear gunner tests them before the flight. He points them down to the ground and fires off a few rounds just to make sure his Brownings are working smoothly. It makes the old heart sit up."

A Wing Commander, in charge of a Squadron: "There's nothing to beat the sound of the take-off. It's like opera music; it's full and it's satisfying. The rhythm of the engines as they settle down to work before the aircraft whizzes up the runway always sounds good to me. Then as the aircraft leaves the ground there's that beautiful, continuous hum of power which you can hear long after the machine has disappeared in the clouds."

A ground mechanic: "I like to be near the crew room just before the take-off and hear those lads joking before they set off to Berlin. There's nothing rowdy about it. It always reminds me of the quiet sort of banter you hear in a football dressing room just before the teams go on to the field."

An Intelligence Officer: "What I like to hear most is that first faint buzz of a returning aircraft. There's a pause after we have received all the various signals to say that our aircraft are coming in safely, and then through the windows in the dawn we hear the first one arriving. Someone always says: "That's a 'Whitley,' although everyone knows that it isn't a Jerry. Then we clear the table ready for the interrogation."

A Group Captain, commanding officer of a station: "The most cheering sound I know is the bustle outside the door of the intelligence room just before the crews come in to be interrogated. Then the lively 'Good morning, sir. Good trip, thank you.' The bustle and chatter at any other time of the day are just meaningless compared with this."

Yes, there is scope for a dictionary of sounds on a station of Bomber Command.

When the mentally sketchy girl-friend's beau says "the ayes have it" he's admiring her new make-up.

OATS FROM FINNISH PINES

Finland in seeking to overcome fodder shortages has introduced synthetic oats made from pine trees. The new fodder, known as "pine oats," was placed on the open market in Finland last month, according to the Finnish Information Centre in New York.

The method of producing "pine oats" was developed last Autumn by Finnish natural scientists after the poor harvest of 1940, combined with the present import difficulties, created serious shortage of cattle fodder. The oats are said to have almost the same nutritional value as natural oats. Current production of "pine oats" is 500 tons daily, and Finland's vast forests are said to assure unlimited supplies for its future manufacture. The product alone, it is, however, pointed out, cannot be recommended for a long-time diet. In times of famine, however, pine oats would maintain the cattle in a fairly good state of nourishment.

The process of manufacture is similar to that of making wood pulp, except that the boiling process for fodder is much longer. The timber, washed and barked, is cut up into flakes by machines fitted with rotating knives, is mixed with a soda solution, and run off into huge cookers.

Finnish researchers have also developed a process for making sugar out of sawdust and wood waste. Already beyond the experimental stage, "wood sugar" will soon be manufactured on a large scale in two factories being erected for that purpose.

OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED

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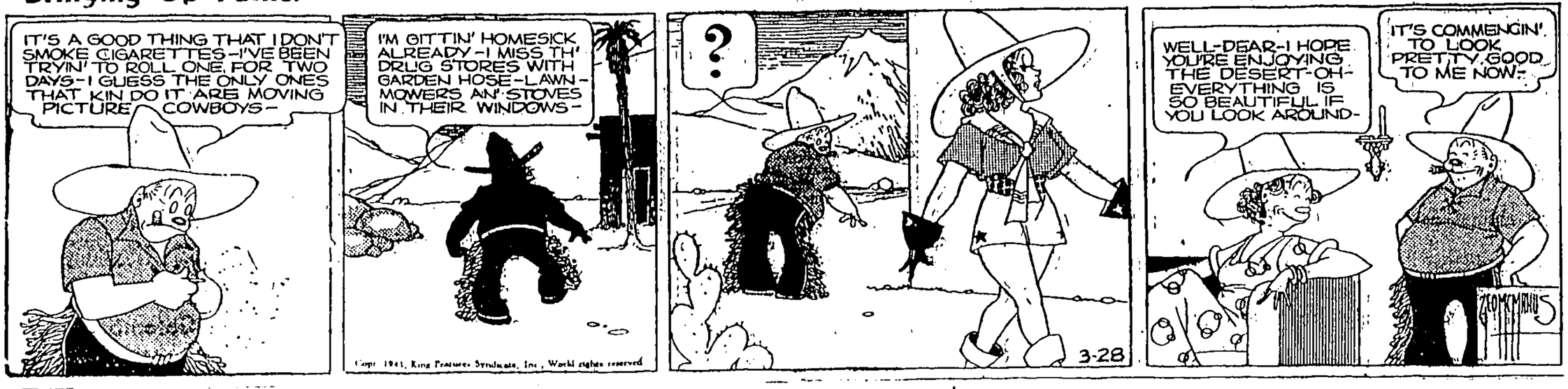

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Pretty Singing Star Advises Career Girls

"By knowing how to save wear and tear on one's self you increase the amount of work you can do and your enjoyment," states pretty Jean Dickenson, Metropolitan's favourite young soprano.

"There is no trick, no magic formula to this, it simply depends upon learning to relax. That is the first lesson which models, lecturers, actresses and singers must learn—in fact it should be the first lesson for any woman to learn, especially if she is a careerist. It is a 'must,' if you are an active person and desire to remain pretty and youthful.

"To relax you must have perfect control of your nerves. This requires plenty of sleep. I try to get eight or nine hours each night. Diet and exercise, of course, are important too. Career girls should eat well-balanced, sensible meals, ladened with a full supply of the energy vitamin — B1. This is found in green vegetables, egg yolks, milk, brewer's yeast, liver and kidneys."

Speaking about food, Miss Dickenson paused to caution business girls about hurried luncheons. "Gulping down a sandwich and coffee in a record five minutes, and then galloping from shop to shop for the remainder of the lunch hour is not good. It is most harmful. Nerves become so jangled that the body is bound to suffer severely from such treatment. How much better for beauty and health to spend the better part of the lunch hour eating leisurely and quietly in a comfortable spot (never the office) and to spend the last few minutes of the lunch hour taking a brisk, refreshing walk. Fresh air and sunshine are splendid nerve tonics, and exercise is always a good friend to beauty. Shop leisurely on your free afternoon or after office hours.

JEAN DICKENSON, colourful soprano of Metropolitan Opera, enjoys a health luncheon of a whopping big fruit salad, milk and whole wheat rolls.

Regarding Mat Exercises

Miss Dickenson believes one should exercise rhythmically with your entire body relaxed unless you are embracing an arduous reducing programme. "Try doing your mat exercises early in the morning," she suggests, to music.

LUCILE FAIRBANKS stands with her hands on hips, elbows pointed outward and twists the upper part of her body rapidly from side to side. This for a slim hipline!

To Reduce Hips Concentrated Exercise Is Required

According to the accepted standards of beauty, a woman's hip measurement should be smaller than her bust measurement. She may be heavier than normal weight for her build and height and age, but her hips must be smaller than her bustline.

There is only one way to reduce heavy hips—and that is through exercise, concentrated exercise. If heavy hips are the bane of your existence I suggest that you do only exercises to reduce that measurement and exercises to improve your posture. By concentrating on these you should be able to reduce your hips rapidly. Of course, I assume that you will regulate your menus when you determine to reduce. Do not starve yourself—eat enough to carry you through your day's tasks—but considerably reduce the amount you have been eating.

Have A Picture

You must have a mental picture of yourself as you would like to be—svelte, agile, alert looking. Then work toward that vision. Hop out of bed EARLY each morning and devote a half hour or hour to these exercises:

1—Stand in good posture (against the wall if need be) with abdomen in, chest high, shoulders back but relaxed. Head must be back too, and do not feel stiff. Relax and take the position again. Repeat this twelve times.

2—Now place palms together high over head, arms frame your face. Now bend from side to side slowly, at first, more rapidly later. Relax when you feel a bit dizzy, then proceed. Practice for three minutes.

3—Lie on your back. Pull your knees to your chest, clasp your arms around them, and rock forward and backward on the fleshy part of your buttocks at least twenty-five times. This also relaxes back muscles which you most likely need! Release your knees and try to take a somersault by swinging your feet over your head. Three times first day, increase one more each day.

4—Pull up your right knee, clasp your hands about it to hold it against your chest. The left leg is on the floor, knee straight and heel extended. Stretch, point your toes, stretch, point your heels. Repeat twenty times, then reverse leg positions and repeat.

5—Kneel down on the floor with knees and heels together—upper body erect. Bend back slowly with arms outstretched in front of you, until you are sitting on your heels. Return to position slowly. Repeat ten times first day, and increased two times each day until you are doing it twenty-five times.

Whew, you sigh, that should reduce me! Well I warned you that you MUST WORK TO REDUCE, but remember that lovely vision you have of yourself!

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Gershwin Programme.
Looking for a Boy (from "Tip Toes") ....Anne Jamison (Soprano) with Orch. Gershwin Fox-frot Medley —Intro: Fascinating Rhythm; Clap Yo' Hands; That Certain Feeling .... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins. Oh! Lady be Good (from "Oh! Lady be Good"); Bidin' my Time (from "Gi ' Crazy")....The Foursome (Vocal) with Instrumental Accomp Porgy and Bess—Selection . Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. The Man I Love (from "Strike up the Band"); Someone to watch over me (from "Oh! Kay")....Frances Langford (Vocal) with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.
Humorous Recital—Follow Follow (A Football Study in Blue & Green) ....William McCulloch. Bagpipes—Highland Reel and Reel o' Tulloch ....Henry Forsyth. Vocal—There's a wee bit land (Grieve); My ain wee hoose (Wilson & Munro)....Laidlaw Murray (Baritone) with Orchestra. Bagpipes — Eightsome Reel....Henry Forsyth. Humorous Monologue—The "Bluebell Chasers" F.C. Annual Meeting .... William McCulloch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—My Greatest Mistake; 6/8 One Step—Let the Bands Play....Harry Roy & his Band. Quick-Step —On the Sunny Side of the Street; Waltz—If Tears could bring you back ...Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Nobody Knows the Way I Feel 'dis Mornings....Sydney Bechet & his New Orleans Feetwarmers. Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer; Quick-Step—The Ferry Boat Serenade.... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trot—All the Things you are; Quick-Step—Maybe....Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—"On Behalf of the Working Classes". Billy Russel (Comedian)—an Actual Theatre Recording.

8.15 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Deanna Durbin (Soprano) and Allan Jones (Tenor).
Tangoland—Intro.: You Could Never Be True; O Cara Mia; Plegaria; Goodnight Vienna....Geraldo & his Sweet Music (with Vocal Chorus). I'm Falling in Love with Someone; Sweethearts (both from film "Life of Victor Herbert")....Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. By the Fireside—Romance (Hippmann).... Frederic Hippmann & his Orch. It's Raining Sunbeams (film "100 men and a girl")....Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra. Rhapsody No. 1 (Rixner)....Eugen Wolff & his Orchestra. The One I Love; Cosi Cosa (both from film "Everybody Sing")....Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. Mexican Serenade (Kashubec); Novellette—Serenade (Henselt)....Frederic Hippmann & his Orchestra. When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from "Spring Parade")....Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Letter from Free China. Read by Mrs. Alice Chow.

9.30 p.m.—The Mills Brothers and Banjo Solos.
Strawberry Fair (Engram); Three Little Fishies (Dowell)....The Mills Brothers.. White Rose (Oakley); Tony (Oakley) ....Olly Oakley (Banjo) with Piano accomp. Mr. Paganini (Lambert, Richards).... The Mills Brothers.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.
Espana (Waldteufel); . Temptation Waltz (Ancliffe); Round the Roundabout (Foster); Snow Man (Archer); Shy Serenade (Scott-Wood).

10.00 p.m.—Studio — The Sixth of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

10.35 p.m.—Beethoven — Sonata in F Major, Op. 24—"The Spring".
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio molto espressivo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro molto) and Trio; 4th Mov: Rondo (Allegro ma non troppo)....Jeno Lener (Violin) and Louis Kentner (Piano).

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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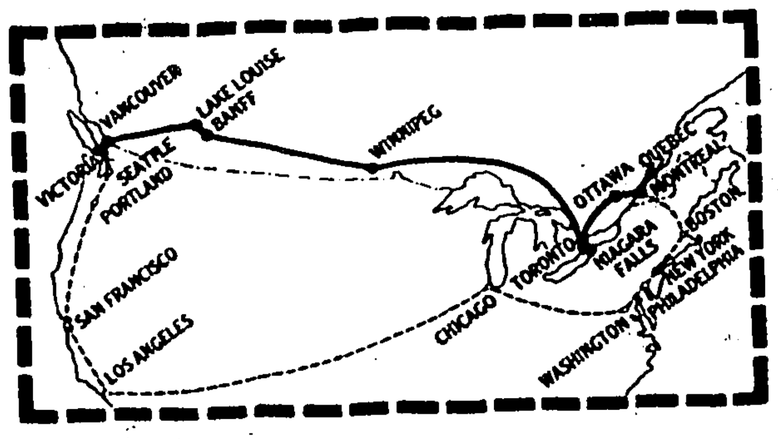

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This little example rather typifies Z.B.W.'s outlook.

I personally had put up with a longer bout than usual of the music box—it looks even better than it sounds—and it too seemed to think the same as it stopped and for practically a minute there was silence before the 8 o'clock time signal cut through the air. Then the special announcement . . . and then what was going to happen during the week!

Can you imagine people in each household sitting down and taking down in longhand, shorthand or by any other means the week's programme? If this is broadcast for people outside the Colony, it would be interesting to know whether they contribute to the upkeep of Z.B.W.

In short, I think Z.B.W. wastes far too much time doing little.

W.B.Z.

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Personality and charm constitute important courses for the students at the Fassifern School for Girls at Henderson, North Carolina.

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Eight speakers for this season's lectures, coming from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and New York, have taken subjects along the lines of charm and personality.

PARADOX OF WAR

AN AMERICAN RED CROSS OFFICIAL DECLARED THAT FATALITIES IN BLITZ BOMBED ENGLAND ACTUALLY ARE LESS THAN IN PEACETIME.

James B. Forgan, Chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross, undertook to explain the paradox at the national convention of the organisation.

"By taking automobiles off the highways, by exercising caution in the home and in industry, by improving diet, by safeguarding self and community from the threats of epidemics, the English are saving more lives than their enemies are able to take."

D.F.C. FOR ATTACK ON BATTLESHIPS

The D.F.C. has been awarded to Pilot-Officer Raymond Alexander Elser, of No. 149 Squadron, for gallantry in an attack on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest.

In the darkness he was not able to identify the battleships, though he could pick out the position they were reported to be.

After searching for some time in face of intense A.A. and searchlight activity, he directed his pilot to run in at 8,500ft., from which height he dropped a stick of bombs.

He repeated this operation twice from 8,500ft. and 7,000ft. and got proof that the ships were there.

He has also obtain first-class bombing results on Venice, Colone, Bremen and Wilmershaven.

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COLONEL WOUNDED BY DAUGHTER WITH KNIFE

The daughter of a lieutenant-colonel who said she picked up a carving knife to defend her mother and herself against her father, and unfortunately caught him in the chest with the point, was bound over at Marylebone Police Court.

She is Phyllis Griffin, twenty-one, no occupation of Haverstock Hill, Hampstead.

The magistrate (Mr. J. B. Sandbach, M.C.) asked how it was that a young woman of twenty-one was of no occupation in these days. On being told that she helped her mother, he advised her to get some work of national importance.

ARMY TENNIS DEFEAT

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday in the Second Division of the Tennis League, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Army Tennis Club by 8 sets to 1.

Capt. R. E. Guest and Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce (Army).
lost to F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling ..... 3—6
lost to H. T. Bee and Dr. P. P. Khoo ..... 0—6
lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 3—6

Capt. Head and Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith (Army).
lost to Kwok and Ling .... 3—6
drew with Bee and Khoo .. 6—6
lost to Lee and Ma ..... 3—6

S/Sgt. J. Emberson and Sgt. J. Webb (Army):
lost to Kwok and Ling ..... 3—6
drew with Bee and Khoo ... 6—6
lost to Lee and Ma ..... 3—6

Points For C.R.C.

At Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club beat Civil Service C.C. by 7 sets to 2.

Pang Oi-lam and Iu Tak-lum (C.R.C.).
beat I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall ..... 6—3
beat B. Agafuroff and W. Skinner ..... 6—1
beat M. Yatskin and T. Wardle ..... 6—2

D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.).
beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6—0
beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6—4
beat Yatskin and Wardle .. 6—1

S. W. Liang and W. C. Choy (C.R.C.).
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 4—6
lost to Agafuroff and Skinner ..... 3—6
beat Yatskin and Wardle .. 6—0

K.C.C. Defeated

South China A.A. trounced K.C.C. by 8 sets to 1 yesterday.

A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose (K.C.C.).
lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hok ..... 5—7
beat W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan ..... 6—4
lost to K. H. Ip and B. Szeto 1—6

N. A. E. Mackay and F. Kengelbacker (K.C.C.).
lost to Lee and Hok ..... 3—6
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lost to Lee and Hok ..... 2—6
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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ENDS IN DARKNESS

The opening matches in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship were played yesterday and results were more of less as expected.

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia, a Third Division pair, did well to eliminate their club mates, E. Zimmern and W. K. Way by 25—21 The losers scored at nine ends and finished up with a 5 and a 4.

The last three heads of the game between F. Nolan and A. Jillott and E. Curtis and A. W. Smith was played in darkness. The game finished at 7.45 p.m. Nolan and Jillott were leading at the 18th by 16—11, but the winners reeled off 2 5 1 to win 19—16.

A number of games were postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

Yesterday's results were:

AT RECREIO

A. W. Smith and F. Curtis beat F. Nolan and A. Jillott 19—6.

W. McNeil and P. A. Peckham beat R. Leigh and R. S. Meadows 28—20.

AT CIVIL SERVICE

A. Willerton and G. Davies beat K. W. Forrow and A. G. Grattan 35—10.

AT CRAIGENGOWER

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia beat W. K. Way and E. Zimmern 25—21.

AT HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho 22—20.

TO-NIGHT'S INTER-HONG GALA

The Inter-hong swimming gala in aid of the Bomber fund will take place this evening at 8.30 p.m. at the European Y.M.C.A. and some good sport is expected.

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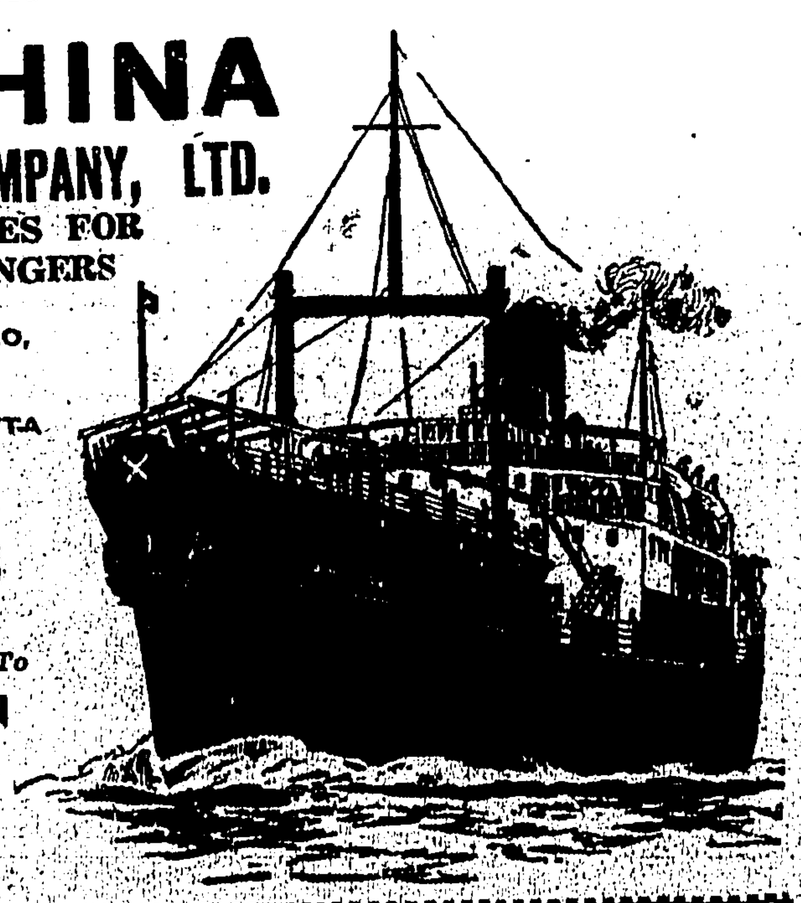

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A REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES

By "Rapier"

WITH THE ADVENT OF SUMMER WEATHER, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER RACING IN THE COLONY UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. BEFORE I COMMENCE MY REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES — THE CHINA PONIES WILL BE DEALT WITH IN A LATER ARTICLE — I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE FOR ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE STEWARDS AND OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE MADE TO ENSURE THE COMFORT OF THEIR PATRONS.

These officials have undoubtedly worked hard in this direction. There is, however, one little point I would like to mention. The betting public, I am sure, would appreciate it if the names of ponies and jockeys could be hoisted a little earlier than hitherto, thus giving them more time to think things over. I have noticed that such names are never taken down until after the conclusion of a race. Could they not be removed before the start of each race, and the new ones hoisted immediately after a race, leaving any adjustment to be made after the jockeys have weighed out for the following race? The time thus saved would certainly prove of benefit. I am submitting this suggestion for what it is worth.

Racing for the first half of the current season concluded a week ago last Monday, the second day of the Whitsun meeting, which attracted an attendance which probably constituted an all-time record. The Public Stands were packed to capacity and accommodation was so taxed that many found difficulty in following the races. Interest in racing in the Colony at the moment is undoubtedly greater than it has ever been before, as a walk through the betting area would have illustrated.

And now, having given expression to my views, I will proceed to the business in hand. Following the Annual Meeting, there were six extra meetings, the first of which took place on March 22, after two postponements on account of the sodden state of the track. The track naturally suffered from the usage it received during the racing carnival, and consequently times for some time were slower. Once it returned to its normal state, however, record after record was broken and some really exciting and thrilling finishes were seen.

JOCKEYS

Mr. Donald Black retains his position at the head of the list of successful jockeys, having scored 18 wins, 10 seconds and 19 thirds and having been unplaced 53 times. His nearest rival is Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, with 14 firsts, 8 seconds, 13 thirds and 41 times unplaced. Mr. L. B. Chao had only one win less than Mr. Wei, and the next in order are Messrs. H. C. Pih, V. V. Needa, H. J. A. Hearne and D. H. S. Craven.

It will be recalled that, at the Annual Meeting, Commander Craven was unseated whilst riding Melody Star, as a result of which he suffered an injury to his arm. Undaunted by this setback, he returned to riding at the third extra meeting, and made his presence felt at the Whitsun Meeting when he brought in several winners, some of them paying out substantial dividends.

OWNERS

Owners had the benefit of an increase in stakes money, and honours among them have been fairly well divided.

With the large string of ponies which he has at his disposal, Mr. T.K. Li heads the list of successful owners with 13 wins, 9 seconds and 8 thirds, followed by the Cire Stable, with 10 firsts, 6 seconds and 4 thirds. Mr. Li Lan-sang comes next, followed by the Eve Stable, Necan, Marber and the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

NEW AUSTRALIANS

On the strength of its achievements in the Annual Race Meeting, Distant View, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, must be regarded as the best of this year's new Australian Griffins. It has so far met with only two reverses, both inflicted by Sapper—in the Australian Ponies Champions over 1¼ miles and the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class ponies from the two mile post distance.

Distant View, however, proved itself better than Sapper in a sprint event. In the Albury Handicap, from the 1½ mile post, Sapper, ridden by Mr. Proulx, ran unplaced for the first time. The race was run in record time but the record could not be officially recognised as Distant View was carrying 3 lb. under weight per inches. Carrying 157 lb. in the Sharks Bay Handicap for "A" Class ponies, over the mile, however, Distant View dead-heated with Many Thanks in a record-breaking run to better Sapper's time by one second.

I am still of the opinion, however, that when Distant View and Sapper again meet, with Sapper having its original jockey in Mr. Davis, it will prove itself definitely superior over any distance from a mile up.

Cire's Best

Starlight, owned by the Cire Stable, is the next best, judging by the amount of stakes money which it has so far won. This pony won the Stewards' Cup (first time presented), from the two mile post at the second extra race meeting, this being a handicap event for griffins that had not won more than $5000 in stakes, and placed third in the Calliope Handicap (first section) for "B" Class ponies, from the two mile post distance, losing to a Happy Time and Connieber.

Fleetwing, which belonged to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and is now owned by Mrs. Eu, showed its prowess when it won the Beaumaris Stakes over the Champions course at the third extra race meeting; this was in record time and beat the record previously held by Mainsail by 1-4/5 seconds. This pony is definitely good over long distances and I expect to see it winning more races in future.

Oracle, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, won the Oakleigh Plate over the mile in the record time of 1.44 (under new scale of weights) at the first extra race meeting. This was indeed a grand performance, but at the very next meeting, in the Stewards' Cup, it ran unplaced.

Late Development

Man-O'-War, belonging to Penn and Tsoi, failed to show its real merit at the annual race meeting, but it came into the picture later when, at the third extra race meeting, it won the Sydney Handicap (second section), for "D" Class ponies, over 6 furlongs, after which it was immediately promoted to "B" Class. It then went on to win the Broken Hill Handicap (first section) 1¼ miles, Mr. Pih being up on both occasions. It was sent out in the Beas River Paddocks Handicap (1½ miles) under Mr. Tao, but was unplaced, and then, carrying top weight with Mr. L. B. Chao in the saddle, it ran second to National Courage in the Hervey Bay Handicap (1¼ miles).

National Courage, belonging to Why, came into the limelight at the third extra race meeting with Mr. H. S. Chang on top by winning the Cabramatta Handicap (6 furlongs), and then running third to Man-O'-War and A Happy Time in the Broken Hill Handicap. (first section). Its best performance, however, was its great win in the Hervey Bay Handicap at the sixth extra race meeting, when it defeated Man-O'-War. It has now been promoted to "A" Class.

The following ponies also won: The Nineteenth Hole (Wyalong Stakes), Vanguard (Canterbury Stakes), Mountain View Park Stakes), Mountain View (Charters Towers Stakes), A Happy Time (Calliope Handicap), Ratio Decidendi (Moreton Bay Stakes) Graceful View (Great Bight Stakes), Gay Fox (Barwon Head Stakes) and Tropical Love.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBS.

There is no doubt whatever that United Express, belonging to Necan, is the best of this year's lot of Australian subscription griffins. During the annual race meeting, this speedy animal won every race in which it appeared, earning in four outings the substantial sum of $10,909 in stakes money. Since then it has not scored a single win. In the Broken Hill Handicap over the two mile post distance, United Express was expected to give both Distant View and Sapper a good run, but after leading over the first mile it was unable to keep up its initial fiery speed and once overhauled it simply faded out of the picture. However, we should see more of this pony in later meetings.

In order of merit, I rate Endeavour, now the property of "Iron," next. This pony is definitely good on a hard track and over long distances, as evidence of which I need only refer to its convincing win in the Melbourne Cup over two miles, against such redoubtable opponents as Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay. To Endeavour fell the honour of paying out the second best win dividend this year—$150.90.

Mainsail's Record

I nominate Mainsail as the next best pony. It was at one time regarded as good enough to win the Rooty-Hill Derby, but unfortunately its training was not then properly advanced, and beyond winning the Flemington Plate (second section) on the fifth day of the annual race meeting, it failed to accomplish anything of note. Since then, however, under careful training, it has shown improvement so much so that when it appeared in the Caulfield Handicap (1¼ miles) with Mr. Black up it won in record time. In the Whitsun Handicap over one mile it was third, and its failure in this case could be attributed to the fact that it bored out. Then in the last meet in the Manly Handicap (first section) for "B" Class Australian Ponies it took the lead from the start. There was a close struggle between it and Lancashire Chips, and they finished in a dead-heat, smashing Vanity Fair's record by 3/5 of a second. For its record-breaking run it has now gone up to "A" Class.

King's Flight, belonging to Dynasty, has also shown improvement. Under Mr. Needa it ran second to Mainsail in the Caulfield Handicap (1¼ miles), and at the last meet in the Point Nepean Handicap with Mr. Wei up, it scored a creditable win, which was due to a great extent to its jockey's fine handling.

Jus Gehtium, belonging to Mr. S. W. Lee, was regarded as the second best subscription griffin this season when it came second to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subs. Champions. It fell off in form after winning the Randwick Plate (first section) over the mile. In the Broken Hill Handicap (second section) for "B" Class ponies it was made hot favourite, but ran unplaced. It is probable that with further training this pony will return to form after the Summer recess.

Two Wins

Moonlight, owned by the Cire stable, has been pretty prominent over short distances. It won the Hobart Handicap (6 furlongs) (second section) and then went on to take honours in the Wattle Park Handicap over the same distance.

To A Surprising Time fell the honour of winning the Whitsun Handicap for 1941 winning subs., with ponies classified "A" class barred. This pony, nicely handled by Mr. Black took the lead from the start and went right on to win.

The following ponies had one win to their credit:

Fresh Air (Rosehill Stakes) second section, Joan (Coolgardie Stakes) first section, Wayworth (Coolgardie Stakes) second section), Bona Vacantia (Koala Stakes) first section, Royal Sovereign (St. Kilda Stakes), first section, Corsair (Randwick Plate) second section, Black Seal (Randwick Plate) third section. Hole in One (Rosehill Stakes) first section. Tien Tien (Koala Stakes), Angel of Glory (St. Kilda Stakes) second section, Dashing Beauty (Great Bright Stakes) first section Bendigo (Wallsend Handicap) second section, Harmony Star (Carpentaria Handicap), Crack Shot (Warwick Farm Stakes), Bugle (Warwick Farm Stakes) second section, Leading Star (Killara Stakes) first section, & Araxy II (Killara Stakes) second section.

OLD AUSTRALIANS

The best performance was undoubtedly returned by Sapper, owned by Mrs. A. E. Grasett with Mr. Davis up. In the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies from the two mile post, it met Distant View and United Express, the best of the griffins and subs. of this season. Although Sapper had previously defeated Distant View, it had not until then met United Express and this race aroused considerable speculation as to which pony would prove the best of the Australian ponies. The race was contested at a very fast pace, with United Express taking the lead followed by Lancashire Chips, Sapper and Distant View. Before rounding the bend Lancashire Chips faltered and Sapper moved up to second position and went after United Express, gaining the lead on passing the Distance Post, although hotly challenged by Distant View, which came up strongly on the outside. The latter pony, however, could not maintain the pace and when Mr. Davis applied pressure to Sapper it came home an easy winner by 2½ lengths. In winning this race Sapper clipped 2-3/5 seconds off the record, held by Strathroy since March 29, 1937.

On the second day of the third extra meeting, from the 1½ miles post, Sapper, carrying top-weight, was sent out under Mr. Proulx for the first time owing to the suspension of Mr. Davis, after the first day's racing. It ran unplaced probably because of the shortness of the distance. Notwithstanding this reverse I still think Sapper is the best of the Australian ponies.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

C.R.C. (2)	v.	C.D.R.
K.C.C.	v.	A.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	v.	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v.	C.R.C. (1)
I.R.C.	v.	H.K.U.T.C.

S.C.A.A.:—S. Y. Li and H. N. Wong; J. Kwok and K. C. Wan; N. Y. Chan and Y. K. Ng.

I.R.C.:—A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab; I. Kitchell and M. Hassan; M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail.

C.D.R.:—H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha; F. J. Remedios and A. M. Silva; H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha.

K.I.T.C.:—S. A. Hussain and S. Hussain; Mahan Singh and S. A. M. Sepher; M. Ramzan and K. F. Mehal.

Changes Hands

Baffin Bay, with Mr. Needa on top riding in the colours of Mr. T.K.L., failed to gain a place in the Melbourne Cup over two miles at the first extra meeting. This pony was sold after this race to Mr. S. W. Lee, and at the third extra meeting it was sent out in the Brisbane Spring Handicap over the same distance under Mr. Chao, coming home an easy winner in record time.

Australian Diamond, after placing second in the Melbourne Cup and the Brisbane Spring Handicap respectively over two miles, had its revenge when it won the Beas River Paddock Handicap over the Derby distance in record time. In this race it led from start to finish.

Lancashire Chips, now the property fo Mrs. Stanton, fell off in form considerably during the annual meeting so much so that it was demoted to "B" Class. It came back to form at the sixth extra meeting when it surprised fans with a dead-heat win with Mainsail in the Manly Handicap over six furlongs in record time to better Vanity Fair's time by 3/5 seconds. It has now regained its place in "A" Class.

Many Thanks, formerly owned by Dr. Reidy, showed improvement, and in the Sharks Bay Handicap, over the mile, for "A" Class ponies, it thundered down the track in a terrific burst of speed to snatch a dead-heat win from Distant View in record time. Many Thanks' time was not allowed as it ran under weight as per inches.

Record Equalled

Cheerful Star, with Mr. Proulx up, won the Cabramatta Handicap (first section) for "C" Class ponies in a dead-heat with Catterick Bridge (at the third extra meeting, and was instrumental in equalling the 1¼ miles record held by Fleetwing when it won the Bondi Handicap confined to "C" Class ponies with Mr. Craven up.

Catterick Bridge, after changing hands for the second time, won the Cabramatta Handicap (6 furlongs) together with Cheerful Star for "C" Class and immediately on its promotion to "B" it accounted for the Broken Hill Handicap (second section) over 1¼ miles.

Shuttlecock also had two wins to its credit, in the Broadmeadows Handicap at the first extra and then in the Wallsend Handicap (first section) at the fifth extra.

To Amber II fell the distinction of paying out the best win dividend among the old subs. Ridden by Mr. Pan in the Moreton Bay Stakes (first section) from the 1½ miles post at the fifth extra, it confounded the critics when it won, beating such flyers as National Reform and Bredon. It was responsible for paying out $107.70 which is the season's third best win dividend to date.

Other ponies that did well were Vanity Fair (Hobart Handicap) first section, Springhurst (Calliope Handicap), Longdon (Sydney Handicap) first section, Connieber (Moonee Ponds Handicap), Rowan (Manley Handicap) second section and Winnie (Spencer Handicap).

ASHEVILLE HAVE EDGE OVER MOHAWKS IN CLOSE GAME

H.B.'s Run Of Wins Broken

Sappers Delight Supporters With First Win

By "Grandstand"

THE HONG KONG Baseball League went into a colourful start when H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, performed the traditional rite of tossing the first ball last Saturday at the Military Football Park at Chatham Road.

U.S.S. Mindinao, who were matched against the Hong Kong Brewers for the 'Opening Day' classic, nosed out the Beermen 7-5 in a ding-dong battle which had the fans on edge, as the leadership changed hands with almost every inning.

The Asheville nine, deputising for U.S.S. Tulsa, eked out a narrow victory from Hong Kong Baseballers on Sunday morning, whilst Royal Engineers upset all the dopesters by taking South China into the afternoon.

Out-hitting the Brewers, the Mindinaoans' victory was highlighted by Tony Mascavage's smashing clout which went for four bases with one aboard.

Ski "Bad News" Powlawski, who went the route for the Minnies, had six Beermen lunging at his side-arm benders and walked none, whilst Madeen "Slim" Arculli, who toiled on the slab for the Brewers, was nicked for eight blows, walked one and only fanned one.

Blanking the Mindinaoans in the first frame, Brewers chalked up two markers in their home half on three bunched up hits and a wild heave by hind-snatcher Tony Mascavage to take a short-lived lead.

Powlawski Deadly

In the second semester, Powlawski displayed his deadly form by fanning the next three batters to face him. The Minnies broke into the scoring column in the third canto with a cluster of three runs, on two hits assisted by George Souza's pair of expensive bobbles. The Beermen came back with a vengeance and grabbed the lead once more with a pair of tallies, but Mascavage, batting in the clean-up slot, poled out a round-tripper to deep left with one on, for the lead to change hands again.

In the sixth, Stan Leonard was given a life on Moore's miscue. Lefty Joe Bowen, the Brown Bomber, pinch-hitting for Jindoo Hussain, [illegible] ringing double and chased in Stan Leonard to knot the count, whilst the Bomber himself crossed the pan with the tie-breaker on Obear Arculli's timely single to right. With the last inning coming up, it was now or never for the Minnies. Speedy Willie Wilson singled and burgled second. George booted Powlawski's grounder for his third error of the day, and left hurler Arculli right behind the eight ball, with ducks in the pond and Tony Mascavage coming up to the plate. Tony flied out for Wilson to score, while M. M. Wilson singled for Powlawski to trot home with what turned out to be the winning counter.

Hindsnatcher Tony Mascavage gave his mates some anxious moments when he dropped Tony "Peewee" Alves' third strike and gave Alves a life with two outs. Dave Leonard was next but failed to come through with a safety and forced Alves at second, to relieve the tension for the Mindinaomen.

Best Batter

Willie Wilson came in for batting honours by slashing out three singles in four trips to the plat'er and pilfered four bases, whilst Tony Mascavage connected for the only four-bagger of the week-end.

Extra base hits were returned by Stan Leonard, Joe Bowen and Henry Ruel with a double a-piece.

With angels on the paths and none away, Ski Powlawski bun'ed into a double play, for the only twin-erasure of the action-packed game.

Hank Ali dished out a fielding gem by hauling down Tony Mascavage's trolley-wire smash which was labelled, in the first frame, whilst Bob Strahl handled eleven fielding chances at the initial station with nary an error, despite an injured knee.

Mighty "A" Win

Taking advantage of five errors in the third frame, the Mighty "A" chalked up four counters to take a narrow 6-4 decision from Hong Kong Baseballers. The Mohawks left eight potential runs stranded on the sacks whilst only four Ashevillemen died on the bases.

Both moundsmen, Charlie Sawyer for Asheville and [illegible] Crews for the Waggonermen, fanned five and walked three on balls. Langford of A[illegible] guilty of two passed balls compared to Joe Morris' one. The margin of victory would have been much more were it not for Dan Fittinghoff's brilliant catch in the centre patch, after he had raced back a mile to gather in Sawyer's long hoist and nailed Red Morey at second base, for the only twin-killing of the scuffle.

The Mohawks drew first blood as Johnnie Schaberg singled, burgled second, and dented the pay-off station on Pete Fitch's grass-cutter which found third-sacker DiGiacomo handcuffed, and added another counter on Frank Crews' double in the second frame.

Defence Cracks

In Asheville's batting half of the same chapter, the Mokawk defence cracked wide open, and when the hectic inning was over, four runs had already trickled over the platter on only one (count it) hit. Bearing down in the next frame, the Mohawks tied the count with a pair of tallies, but were blanked out for the rest of the tilt as the Ashevillemen dished out a brilliant error-less fielding display, and stowed the game away in the old bat bag with a tally in each of the fifth and sixth frames. Langford, Johnnie Schaberg and Frank Crews were all good for a two in three batting performance, the latter cracking out the only extra base clout with a two bagger.

Engineers Triumph

The Royal Engineers delighted their supporters by chalking up their first victory of the season, at the expense of South China. The Caroliners only managed six safeties off hurler Mike Sarsfield whilst the Sappers were collecting nine blows off slabster Ernie Moy, who was derricked after the sixth. Sarsfield struck out six but issued five free tickets to first, whilst Ernie whiffed three and walked six. Wally Ching replacing Moy on the hill in the seventh, showed surprising form by fanning Cork, Taylor and Shaw in order.

Both sides were blanked in the first half, although Ching singled for Nam Hwa, but was left stranded at second. The Sappers broke the ice in the second canto on three infield errors, but South China evened the score with a counter when Hal Winglee grounded out to score Wally Ching. In the fourth frame the score was still tied, both teams chalking up a marker each.

S. China Miss Chance

Taking advantage of another South China epidemic of errors, the Engineers pushed home three more runs. Two timely hits with the sacks soused in the sixth produced another cluster of four runs for the Sappers to put the game on ice.

The Caroliners missed their chance for a rally in the sixth, when hurler Mike Sarsfield walked three in a row to choke the bags. Wally Ching slashed out a daisy-cutter which Heath fumbled, but recovered in time to force out Ernie Moy, who was still finding his way down to second.

Nip Lum and Flash Radcliffe both wielded the willow for a neat .667 figure in their three batting chances, the latter chasing in three of his mates with a single and a double.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

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First Division ("A" v I.R.C., Home)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).
L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip).
F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division ("B" v P.R.C., Away)
D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. M. da Silva and J. J. Basto (Skip).
F. A. Machado, J. C. Remedios, Eddie Souza and L. J. Silva (Skip).
C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division (v C.C.C., Home)
A. J. Osmund, E. L. Barros, A. V. Barros and O. P. Remedios (Skip).
L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes and J. R. Soares (Skip).
A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).

Third Division (v I.R.C., Away)
E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).
F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).
G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

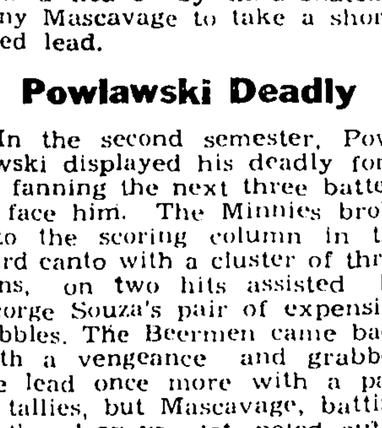
H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v K.F.C., Away)
W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip).
A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul and J. C. Sloan (Skip).
R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (Skip).
Reserves: J. R. Way and W. Stoker.

CHESS RESULT

In the Colony Junior Chess championship yesterday, To Yu-lau beat A. Morton.

Friends of Mrs. Jennie el Arculli, wife of Madeen ("Slim") Arculli, H.B. pitcher, will be glad to learn that she is making excellent progress following a minor operation and that she will be able to leave the French Hospital, where she had been a patient, to-day.



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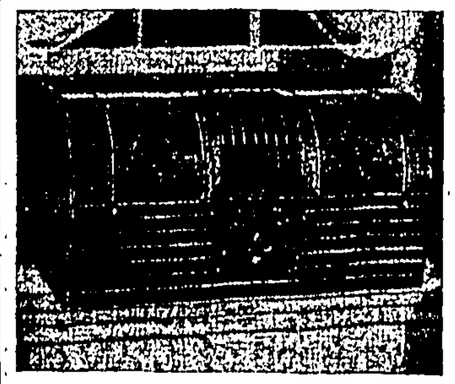

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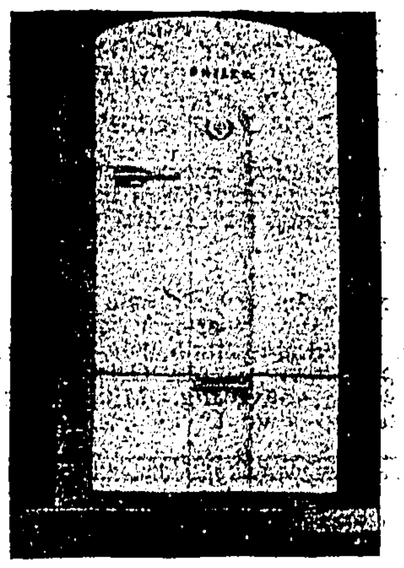

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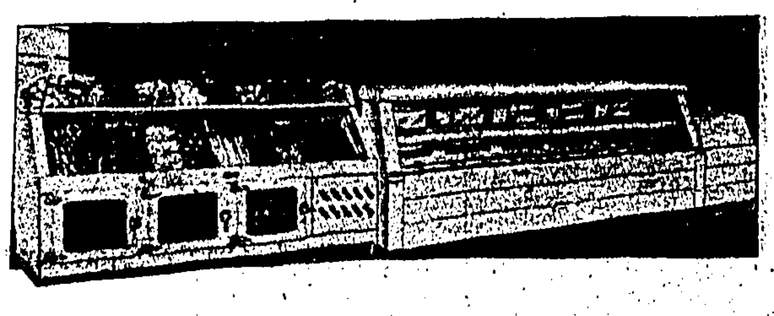

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MOSCOW FRIENDLIER TO FINNS

PAVEL ORLOFF, NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER TO FINLAND, ARRIVED IN HELSINKI AMID PREDICTIONS OF POLITICAL OBSERVERS THAT A MORE FRIENDLY POLICY COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FROM THE KREMLIN.

These predictions were supported by a sudden cessation of hostile radiocasts aimed at Finland from Moscow.

These attacks, which had continued in the post-war peace period, ended simultaneously with the appointment of Mr. Orloff to succeed the outgoing Minister, Ivan Zotov.

Revealing Figures In New York

THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL" SAYS: "MANUFACTURERS OF HIGH-POWERED AIRCRAFT ENGINES IN AMERICA SMASHED ALL RECORDS IN THE MONTH OF MAY IN THE OUTPUT OF POWER PLANTS."

Unofficial estimates indicate that the three major producers in the high-powered engines field — Wright-Pratt, Whitney and Allison, combined, produced in the neighbourhood of 3,500 engines. This means that since January the monthly production rate boosted 1,100 units while the Industry had combined facilities for only two or three hundred engines monthly in September, 1939.

The Wright Aeronautical Corporation still leads the procession with the Paterson (New Jersey) plants turning out 1,700,000 horse-power in May. This was stepped up by 1,100,000 horse-power in January.

The Pratt and Whitney engine division of the United Aircraft Corporation is actually running 1,400 engines over schedule. It is approaching the 1,300,000 horse-power mark monthly and is scheduled to reach the 2,000,000 horse-power peak late this year.

1,000 A Month

The Allison General Motors Corporation has made rapid progress.

Prior to July, 1940, less than 100 engines were turned out. In February, 1941, production reached 400 and May production was probably 500.

The Allison works is steadily stepping up engine power. The latest increase, announced on Monday, shows that the improved model actually weighs less than one pound per horse-power. Overall dimensions are not larger than previously despite the fact that the horse-power is stepped up by 175 to 1,325 horse-power. The new engine, weighing 1,303 pounds, has been accepted by the Army. It is stated that it makes possible heavier armour, increased fire power, greater speed and climbing ability.

It is said to permit the 'plane to carry 1,500 pounds of armour without sacrificing speed.—Reuter.

APPEAL TO LOVERS OF FREEDOM

An appeal to every true lover of the country to bend his whole energies for the strengthening of India's defence and equipping all soldiers fighting India's battles, was made by the Maharaja of Mysore inaugurating the Joint Session of the Mysore Legislatures yesterday afternoon.

The Maharaja said: "Let our watchword be economy and production in every possible direction, most of all in those that help India to play a full part in the war."

The Maharaja referred to the enormous sacrifices which were being made in other parts of the world to save civilisation.

He said the forces of destruction have been let loose. It looked as though those who released them had lost control over the consequences of their recklessness.

All human effort and safety was jeopardised to a degree unknown in history.

No lover of human freedom and ordered progress, or patriot, seeking India's safety and happiness could afford in the hour of imminent peril to exaggerate the importance of local questions or fail to do all that lay in their power to achieve the victory for collective and individual effort.—Reuter.

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U.S. SHIP SINKING DELIBERATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Maritime Commission said yesterday that the owners of the Robin Moor have advised that the ship was torpedoed on May 21, 95 miles north-east of Cape St. Roque, Brazil.

Ten members of the crew and one passenger were landed at Pernambuco. There was no word of the 35 missing.

A spokesman for the owners of the ship said; "It is impossible for the Robin Moor to have been mistaken for a beligerent ship. A large United States flag was painted on both sides of the hull and a large searchlight was employed continuously on the U.S. flag astern."

He added: "We do not know yet the cause of the sinking. We are trying to determine that.

"THE POSITION OF THE SHIP SEEMS FAIRLY WELL DETERMINED AND THAT WOULD PUT IT IN AMERICAN WATERS ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

ALL QUIET IN CYPRUS SO FAR

Reuter was informed authoritatively in London yesterday that there is no confirmation whatever of a report being circulated through enemy-controlled wireless channels that Cyprus has been subjected to German and Italian air attacks during the last 48 hours.

It was stated in London that there is no reason to believe any such attacks have taken place. — Reuter.

Mechanised Troops Head For Aleppo

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH ARMOURED FORCES WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO HAVE PENETRATED THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEIRUT, ON THE COAST OF SYRIA, OTHER ALLIED FORCES, AFTER SMASHING AN ATTEMPT BY NAZI PARACHUTE TROOPS TO HALT THEIR ADVANCE, ARE APPROACHING THE GATES OF DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

Fierce fighting is said to be in progress around Beirut after the Allied forces had captured at least nine key towns, some of which yielded voluntarily without a fight, and three Allied columns operating inland are closing in rapidly on Damascus.

Reuter reports that British forward elements are only 15 miles from Damascus. This is according to military circles in Cairo.

While the latest reports indicate an advance of British troops towards Damascus, well-informed circles in London last night declared they have no confirmation that the city has been occupied.

It is also understood that a mechanised division, moving from Iraq, should reach Aleppo soon and once it has arrived there it will turn south to join the Allied Forces from Palestine.

Air Clash

Meanwhile it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that British 'planes patrolling over British warships off the Syrian coast shot down five enemy 'planes.

A fire was started on a ship and another on the Spanish Mole.

Italians Attacked

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and damaged a number of enemy aircraft on the aerodrome at Derna.

Abyssinia; enemy positions and troop concentrations in the small area of Abyssinia still occupied by the Italians were machine-gunned and bombed by the R.A.F. and South African Air Force.

Four of our aircraft are missing from all these operations but the crew of one have been saved."—British Wireless.

BRITISH FIGHTERS DROVE OFF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING TO BOMB BRITISH MOTOR TRANSPORT AT ASNAMEIN. — REUTER.

SHOOTING AFFAIR IN THE CITY

Following a heated argument between two Indian watchmen outside the Central Market in Queen's Road Central shortly before 9 a.m. today, one of the men is alleged to have drawn his revolver and to have fired two or three shots, wounding the other man in the arm, back and thigh.

The victim is reported to have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition, and the alleged attacker detained.

An eye-witness told the "China Mail" that the two watchmen were arguing outside the money-changer's shop opposite the Central Market.

Suddenly one broke away and started running. The alleged assailant is said to have drawn his revolver and fired five shots at the fleeing man.

A Chinese pedestrian is then said to have been hit by a stray bullet and wounded in the leg.

Both Indians were employed as watchmen, but only one was armed.

GERMAN BASE AT ALEPPO BOMBED

THE PRESENCE of Germans in Syria is fully demonstrated in an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which states that enemy raiders bombed Haifa, using the "German-controlled base at Aleppo."

The communique says:—"Rhodes; bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out heavy raids on military objectives on the island of Rhodes during the night of June 8/9. Direct hits were made on the northern mole of Rhodes harbour.

At Calato aerodrome large fires were started which were visible 60 miles from the target, and at Kattavia bombs fell among about 50 dispersed aircraft, causing many fires and explosions.

Syria and Palestine; aircraft of the R.A.F. and Royal Australian Air Force continued to give support to the advance of our troops in Syria. Our fighters attacked and drove off a number of enemy aircraft which attempted to bomb our motor transport at Sanemein.

Patrols were carried out by H.M. ships off the Syrian coast and during these five enemy aircraft were shot down into the sea.

Aleppo 'Drome Bombed

Hostile aircraft approached Haifa during the night and were engaged by the A.A. defences. The enemy attack lasted a considerable time. Bombs were dropped causing slight damage to civilian property. There were a few casualties but none of a serious nature.

One hostile aircraft was shot down by A.A. fire and others damaged.

Before the last enemy raider had returned from Haifa to the German-controled base at Aleppo, British aircraft were over the aerodrome bombing aircraft on the ground and the flare path along which raiders were landing. Fires were observed and much damage caused.

Malta; four S79's were intercepted by our fighters 50 miles west of Malta. Two enemy aircraft were shot down and two others badly damaged.

Libya; aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm attacked the harbour of Tripoli during the night of June 8/9.

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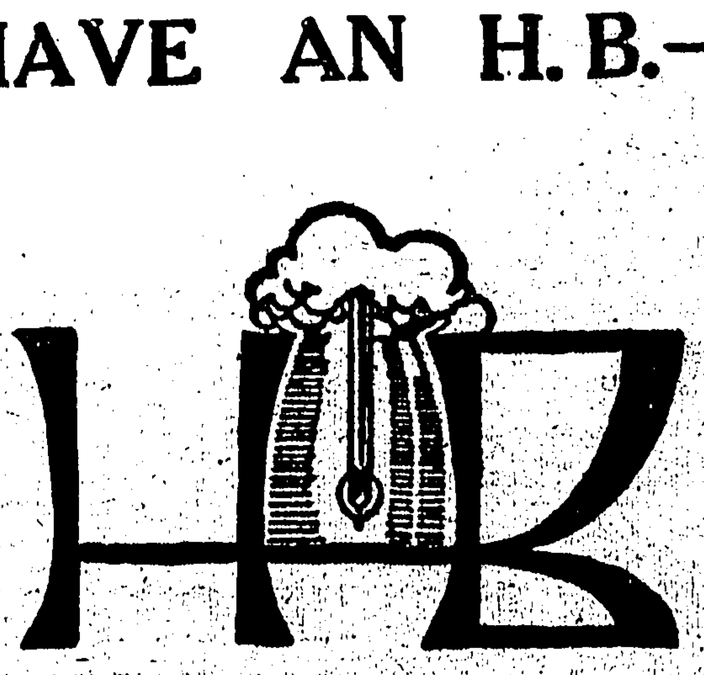

—AND *THEN* TRY!

CHURCHILL REVIEW OF WAR

Spirited Defence Of Policy

Mr. Hore-Belisha Blamed For Lack Of Equipment

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL BEGAN HIS REPLY TO THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IN AN EASY AND CONFIDENT TONE, DECLARING NOBODY COULD POSSIBLY COMPLAIN OF THE TONE, TEMPER AND MATTER OF THE DEBATE AND ADDING: "THE KIND OF CRITICISM WE HAVE HAD TO-DAY—SOME VERY SEARCHING—IS THE KIND THE GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY ACCEPT BUT WELCOME.

"However, the way in which the debate came about is calculated to give a feeling of challenge to the security of the administration. From the viewpoint of advantage to the country that raises serious considerations.

"There are all kinds of paragraphs and reports in the newspapers that there is grave uneasiness and unrest and demanding a 'full accounting.' Therefore one is bound to take a serious view because of the interests confided to our care.

"It would be a mistake if the House got into the habit of calling for explanations of the varying episodes of this dangerous and widespread struggle and asked for an account to be given when any action was lost or any part of the front was beaten in.

"In the first place, no full explanation could possibly be given without revealing valuable information to the enemy not only about the particular operation which is ended but about the general position and also on the processes of thought which are followed by our war direction and High Command.

"There is always a danger that a Minister may, in seeking to vindicate the course we have pursued, inadvertently say something which may supply the enemy with some essential, perhaps seemingly innocent looking, fact about which the enemy is in doubt and thus enable the enemy to construct a compressed and accurate picture of the way in which we are looking at things.

Hitler Did Not Explain

"The dictator governments are not under any similar pressure to explain or excuse any ill success that may befall them.

"Unlike these pretentious and formidable potentates, I am only a servant of the Crown, with considerable responsibility upon me, and they would not wish any servant whom they have entrusted with such duties to be at a disadvantage to our antagonists.

"I have not heard that Hitler had to attend the Reichstag and tell them why he sent the Bismarck on her disastrous cruise when, by waiting a few weeks and choosing his opportunity, when perhaps our capital ships were dispersed on convoy duty, she might have gone out accompanied by the Tirpitz, another 45,000-ton ship, and offered us battle.

"Neither have I heard any convincing statement by Mussolini why the greater part of his African Empire has been conquered and over 200,000 of his soldiers are prisoners in our hands.

Complicated Campaign

"I should feel under a needless disadvantage if I were obliged in public debate to give an account of our operations irrespective of whether the time was suitable or not.

"It would, for instance, have been a nuisance if Parliament had demanded a debate on the loss of Hood before we had been in a position to explain the measures we had taken to secure the destruction of the Bismarck.

"I have always taken very great pains to serve the House and always to associate the House with events, and it would be better if I were permitted, on behalf of Government, to choose the occasion for making a statement about the war, which I am most anxious to do. (Cheers).

"Another general reason why I should have deprecated a debate on the fighting in Crete is that it was only one part of a very important and complicated campaign which is being fought in the Middle East and can only be reviewed as one part.

Airfields In Crete

"TO SELECT ONE PARTICULAR SECTOR OF OUR WIDELY EXTENDED FRONT FOR DEBATE IS A PARTICULARLY LOPSIDED AND MISLEADING METHOD OF EXAMINING THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

"The vast scene can only be surveyed as a whole and ought not to be debated piecemeal, especially at a time when the operations, which are all related to one another, are wholly incomplete.

"Into a general survey of the war come all sorts of considerations about the gain and loss of time and its effect upon the future, as well as the entire distribution of our available resources to meet the many calls made upon them.

"For instance, Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked why it was, when we had Crete in our possession for more than six months, we did not construct numerous air fields and place them in the highest state of defence, and he reminded us how very efficiently the Germans would have done such work if Crete had fallen into their hands.

Guns Could Not Be Spared

"Everyone will admit it would have been a mistake to make a great number of air fields in Crete unless we could find anti-aircraft guns, both of high and low ceiling, and aircraft to defend those air fields, for that would simply have facilitated the descent of the enemy's air-borne troops upon the island.

"To answer the question why there were not enough guns provided for the two serviceable air fields in Crete, one would have to consider whether we could spare them for that purpose. That leads us to a wider sphere.

"All this time the Battle of the Atlantic has been going on and a very great number of guns which might usefully have been deployed in Crete have been and are being mounted in merchant vessels to beat off the attacks of Fokker Wulff and Heinkel aircraft whose depredations have been lessened thereby.

Great Risks

"Again, we must consider whether our air fields at home, our air factories or ports and cities, which are under heavy and dangerous attacks, should have been further denuded or stinted of guns in the last six months for the sake of the war in the Middle East beyond what we have done.

"Further, everything we send to the Middle East is out of action for the best part of three months as it has go round the Cape."

Mr. Churchill continued: "We have run very great risks and faced very serious maulings in this island in order to sustain the war in the Mediterranean, and nobody can be judge whether we should have run more risks or exposed ourselves to heavier punishment at home for the sake of fortifying and multiplying the Cretan air fields without having a full and intimate knowledge of all our resources and making a complete survey of the various claims upon them.

A Deterrent

"We did, however, from the moment the Greek Government invited us into Crete, take steps to defend the anchorage of Suda Bay as an important naval base, to develop the aerodrome nearby and provide the base and drome with the largest quantity of high and low ceiling guns which we thought it fit to divert from other strategic points in the Mediterranean.

"We provided, in fact, a deterrent to enemy attack sufficiently to require a major effort on his part.

"BUT THERE ARE MANY ISLANDS AND STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE SEAS, AND TO ATTEMPT TO BE SAFE EVERYWHERE IS TO MAKE SURE OF BEING STRONG NOWHERE.

"Therefore, if the House were able to go in detail into these matters, they might feel that a reasonable and right disposition of our forces was made, but without going into facts and figures, which nobody would wish me to do, it is quite impossible for the House, or even for the newspapers, to arrive at a justly proportioned and level judgment on this affair.

"But a man must be a perfect fool who thinks we have large quantities of A.A. guns and aircraft lying about unused at the present time.

Warning Four Years Ago

"So far as A.A. guns are concerned, as large and expanding as is our present production, every single gun is in action at some necessary point or other, and all future production for many months ahead is eagerly competed for by the rival claimants, with very often massive cases behind each one.

"In March, 1937, I mentioned to the House that the Germans had already 1,500 mobile A.A. guns, formed into batteries, in addition to the whole of their static artillery of A.A. defence.

"Since then they have been making them at a great rate and they have also conquered more than all they want from the many countries they have overthrown, so our position is very different indeed from them.

"To-day Mr. Hore-Belisha made a very cogent, moderate, well-informed and thoughtful contribution to the debate but he used a very different mood and tone in a speech which he recently delivered in the country.

"THAT MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO SAY THAT THE STATE IN WHICH OUR ARMY WAS LEFT WHEN MR. HORE-BELISHA HAD ENDED HIS TENURE OF THE WAR OFFICE, DURING THE GREATER PART OF WHICH HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY, WAS LAMENTABLE.

Hore-Belisha Interrupts

"We were short of every essential supply but most particularly of special classes of modern weapons, A.A. guns; anti-tank guns and the tank itself, which have proved themselves a vital necessity of modern war and which, he is now prepared to suggest, we are so purblind and out-dated as not to be able to comprehend."

(Here Mr. Hore-Belisha intervened to point out that in Belgium we lost the finest lot of equipment that had ever left British shores. He asked the Prime Minister to recall that up till very recently before the war, Parliament, and the country, was opposed to the creation of a continental army which, nevertheless, he tried to create).

Mr. Churchill proceeded: "I am dealing not with the particular equipment of the troops who went to France, who naturally drained the rest of our resources, but the equipment of our army at that time.

Hore-Belisha's Responsibility

"At the outbreak of war this was of a most meagre and deficient character and these deficiencies made themselves most marked and still make themselves most marked in the very type of weapons for which there is the greatest possible demand.

"I am not throwing all the blame for this upon Mr. Hore-Belisha but he has great responsibility in this matter and when he speaks in this way it is only fair to point out he is one of the last people who are entitled to take that line."

Here the Labour member, Mr. Granville, interposed "No recrimination."

Mr. Churchill continued: "Extremely violent hostile speeches have been spread about, doing much harm, and about which I have received information from different countries and capitals showing the uncertainty and disturbance which are caused thereby.

"The output of A.A. guns is at last rapidly expanding but the fact remains that our outfits are incomparably inferior in numbers to those possessed by the Germans, and every claim has to be weighed against every other claim.

"Another general question which may fairly be asked is why we have not a much stronger and much larger Air Force in the Middle East.

"I can only say that from the moment the Battle of Britain was decided in our favour, in September and October last year, by the victories of our fighters, we have been ceaselessly sending aircraft as fast as possible to the Middle East by every route and every method.

Nazi Advantages

"During the present year, as our strength in the air has grown, we have not been hampered as we were in the case of A.A. guns, by lack of aircraft. The problem has been to send them to the Eastern theatre of war.

"Anyone can see how great are the German advantages and how easy it is for the Germans to move their air force from one side of Europe to another.

"They can fly along a line of permanent air fields. Wherever they alight and refuel there are permanent air fields in the highest state of efficiency, and as for services and personnel and all stores without which squadrons are quite useless, these can go by the grand continental expresses along the main European lines.

Assault On Britain

"One has only to compare this process with sending aircraft packed in crates, then put on ships and sent on the great ocean spaces until they reach the Cape of Good Hope, then taken to Egypt, set up again, tuned up and put in the air when they arrive.

"Thus the Germans can do in days what is taken us weeks or even more.

"THIS REFLECTION HAS A BEARING UPON A POSSIBLE GERMAN MOVEMENT BACK FROM EAST TO WEST, WHICH COULD BE EXECUTED VERY SECRETLY IF THEY ARE RESOLVED UPON AN ASSAULT ON THIS COUNTRY.

"We have done, are doing and will do our utmost to build up the largest possible air force in the Middle East. It is not a matter of aircraft but solely of transportation — not in the sense of shipping tonnage but to the time it takes to transfer under conditions of the present war.

"As to the disposition of our Air Force in the Middle East, it is primarily a matter for the Commanders-in-Chief in the Middle East, though Government share the full responsibility for whatever is done.

Co-ordination In Cairo

"Co-ordination between the Services is carried to a very high pitch. The Chief Air Officer lives in the same house in Cairo as the Commander-in-Chief.

"The Naval Commander-in-Chief has to be at sea very often. He has to be at Alexandria but the very closest association exists between these two branches.

"The idea that any one of these problems would be studied by these two commanders without the closest association with the other two is quite illusory."

(Hore a Member queried "Who has the final say?")

No Disagreement

Mr. Churchill declared: "It isn't so much a question of the final say. No disagreement that I know of has arisen.

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Premier's Defence Of The Fighting In Middle East

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"Obviously the Army is the main factor in the business and the Fleet is preserving the security of the Army on the seas and preserving command of the seas, and the Air Force is assisting the Army and Fleet in all their functions.

"But in the event of any differences they can be settled in a few hours by reference here. These commanders have to settle it among themselves, although we share to the full responsibility for whatever is done.

"Apart from the effort we made in Greece, which was very costly in aircraft, the situation in Iraq and Palestine, and potentially in Syria, as well as the winding up of the Abyssinian story, have all made very heavy demands upon our aircraft and the situation in the Western Desert had also to be considered.

Can't Be Told

"Before any rational judgment could be formed on the disposition of our Air Force and the consequent failure to supply an adequate air force for Crete, it would be necessary, as in the case of A.A. guns, to know not only what are our whole resources but also what is the situation in these other theatres, which were all intimately inter-related.

"It is no use trying to judge these matters without full knowledge. Full knowledge cannot be made public.

"I come to the next stage of my argument. I have shown the foundations upon which we started and I now go a step forward.

"In March we decided to go to the help of Greece in accordance with our treaty obligations. This, of course, exposed us to the danger of being attacked in the Western Desert and also to defeat by overwhelming numbers in Greece, unless Yugoslavia played her part or unless the Greek Army could be extricated to hold some narrower line.

Attack On Crete

"If Greece was overrun by the enemy it seemed probable that Crete would be the next object of attack. The enemy with his vast local superiority in air power was able to drive our aircraft from airfields in Greece, and, adding this to his enormously superior anti-aircraft batteries, he was able to make those airfields rapidly available for his own use.

"Moreover, as the season was advancing, many more airfields became available to him as the weather improved and dried them up. It was evident, therefore, that the attack on Crete, if it were made, would be primarily an airborne attack for which again vastly superior hostile air force would be available.

"The question arose whether we should try to defend Crete or yield it without a fight. Nobody who bears responsibility for the decision to defend Crete was ignorant of the fact that conditions permitted only the most meagre British air support to be provided for our troops in the island or for the Fleet operating round the island. It was not a fact that dawned upon military and other authorities after the decision had been taken.

"It was the foundation of a difficult and harsh choice whether Crete should be defended without effective air support or whether the Germans should be permitted to occupy it without opposition.

"Some may say we should never fight without superior or at least ample air support, and ask when this lesson will be learned. But suppose you cannot have it.

"Questions to be settled are not always between what is good and bad. Very often it is a choice between two very terrible alternatives. If you cannot have this essential and desirable air support must you yield important key points one after another?

"OTHERS HAVE TOLD ME YOU SHOULD DEFEND NO PLACE THAT YOU CANNOT BE SURE YOU CAN HOLD. THEN ONE MUST ASK CAN ONE EVER BE SURE HOW ONE EVER BE SURE HOW A FORE IT HAS BEEN FOUGHT?

"If the principle of not defending any place you cannot be sure of holding were adopted, would not an enemy be able to make an unlimited number of valuable conquests without any fighting at all? Where would you make a stand and engage them with resolution?

Where Would We Be ?

"A further question arises as to what would happen if you allowed the enemy to advance and overrun, without cost to himself, the most precious and valuable strategic points.

"Where would the Germans be now suppose we simply resigned the territory and strategic islands without a fight? Might they not at this early stage of the campaign of 1941 already be masters of Syria and Iraq and preparing themselves for an advance into Persia?

"The Germans in this war have gained many victories. They have easily overrun great countries and beaten down strong powers with little resistance. It is not only the question of time gained by fighting strongly even if at a disadvantage for important points, but there is also the vitally important principle of stubborn resistance to the will of the enemy.

Absurd Doctrine

"These are some of the arguments that deserve to be considered before you can adopt a rule that you have a certainty of winning at any point and that if you have not got it beforehand you must clear out. The whole history of the war shows the fatal absurdity of such a doctrine.

"It has been repeatedly proved that fierce and stubborn resistance even against heavy odds and under exceptional conditions or local disadvantage is an essential element in victory.

"The decision to fight for Crete was taken with the full knowledge that air support would be at a minimum, as anyone can see—apart from the question whether you have adequate supplies or not — who measures the distances from our air fields in Egypt and compares them with the distances from enemy air fields in Greece, and who acquaints himself with the radius of action of dive bombers and aircraft.

Full Personal Responsibility

"I take the fullest personal responsibility for that decision but the Chiefs of Staff, the Defence Committee, and General Wavell all not only thought Crete ought to be defended in circumstances which were fully before them, but that in spite of the lack of air support we had a good chance of winning the battle.

"NOBODY HAD ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE SCALE OF THE ENEMY AIRBORNE ATTACK. WE KNEW IT WOULD BE GIGANTIC AND INTENSE.

"Reconnaissances over Greek aerodromes showed an enormous mass of aircraft which were gathering there—many hundreds —and it turned out that the enemy had prepared to pay at unlimited price for this conquest and his resources when concentrated upon any particular point may often be overwhelming at that point."

Broadcasts By Officers

Referring to statements which had been ascribed to the spokesmen of the War Office and Air Ministry, the Prime Minister declared: "The officers who give these broadcasts are not acquainted with the control of affairs and with what is decided or thought or felt in the Chiefs of Staff Committee or the Defence Committee.

"I would very much have liked to stop them and in some cases I have reduced them in number.

"It is very risky to ask a professional officer to give a weekly expatiation on the war when, in the nature of things, although he may be very accomplished in his profession, he cannot know and ought not to know, the facts as they are understood at the secret meetings.

"At the same time one is appealed to ceaselessly to give more information to make the war more interesting to the people and to tell them more about what is going on, but it is not possible for the head of the Government, or even for the Chiefs of Staff, to scrutinise beforehand these detailed weekly statements which are made.

No Illusions

"I think the matter must certainly be reconsidered (Hear, hear).

"AS I HAVE SAID, NOBODY HAD ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS SCALE OF THE AIR-BORNE ATTACK, THE GREATEST EVER DELIVERED IN THE WORLD, AND THAT WE SHOULD RESIST IT WITHOUT ANY BUT THE MOST RESTRICTED AIR SUPPORT ON OUR SIDE.

"Let us look at the anatomy of this Battle of Crete, which was undertaken in bleak circumstances.

"We hoped that the 25,000 to 30,000 good troops—I am making it a little vague—with artillery and a proportion of tanks, aided by Greek forces, would be able to destroy parachute and glider landings of the enemy and prevent him using the air fields or harbours.

Naval Losses

"Our army was to destroy airborne attacks while the Navy held off or destroyed sea-borne attacks. But there was a time limit.

"The action of the Navy in maintaining the northern sea guard without adequate air defence was bound to be very costly. It is known how serious were those losses.

"We could only stand a certain proportion of naval losses before the northern sea guard of the Fleet would have to be withdrawn.

"If, meanwhile, the Army could succeed in biting off the head of the whole terrific apparatus of the air-borne invasion before the naval time limit, or the loss limit, was reached, then the enemy would have to begin all over again.

"Having regard to the enormous unprecedented scale of the operation and the losses he would have to incur, he might well for the time being have at least broken it off — at any rate there would have been a long delay before he could have mounted it again.

The Critics

"That was the basis on which the decision was reached. What would our critics have said if we had given up Crete without firing a shot?

"We should have been told this had surrendered to the enemy the key of the eastern Mediterranean that our communications with Malta and our power to interrupt the enemy's communications with Libya were grievously endangered.

"There is only too much truth in all that, although perhaps it will not in the end turn out too badly.

"Crete was an extremely important salient in our line of defence, like the Fort of Douaumont at Verdun in 1916, and like Kemmel Hill in 1918.

"These were taken by the Germans but in each case the Germans lost the battle and also the campaign, and in the end lost the war, but can you be sure the same result would have been achieved if the Allies had not fought for Douaumont and Kemmel Hill?

Relation To The Whole

"These battles can only be judged in their relation to the campaign as a whole.

"I have been asked why were the Cretan air fields not mined beforehand or again why were they not commanded by long-range gunfire, or why there were not more tanks allotted to their defences, and so on.

"I can answer these but I do not propose to discuss tactics here because it is quite impossible for us to fight battles in detail either beforehand or afterwards from Whitehall or from the Commons.

"His Majesty's Government, in their responsibility to Parliament, choose the best generals they can find, set before them the broad strategic objects of a campaign, ask the necessary searching questions, offer them any advice or counsel that may seem fitting and then support them to the best of their power in men and munitions and also, so long as they retain their confidence, they support them with loyal comradeship in failure or success.

Only Answer To Defeat

"It is impossible to go into tactical details and I never remember in the last War, in those great battles which cost something like forty, fifty or 70,000 men — I am talking of battles of a single day — and in which sometimes there were grave errors made, they were often made the subject of an arraignment of the Government in the Commons.

"It is only where great strategic issues of policy come that it is fitting for us to endeavour to form a final opinion.

"DEFEAT IS BITTER. THERE IS NO USE IN TRYING TO EXPLAIN DEFEAT. PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE DEFEAT AND DO NOT LIKE EXPLANATIONS, HOWEVER ELABORATE OR PLAUSIBLE. THE ONLY ANSWER TO DEFEAT IS VICTORY.

Must Have Foundation

"If Government in wartime gives the impression that it cannot in the long run procure a victory, who cares for its explanations? It ought to go. That is, if you are quite sure you can find another which can do better.

"However, no Government can conduct war unless it stands on a solid and stable foundation and knows it and, like a great ship can win through a period of storms into clearer weather.

"Unless there is a strong impression of solidarity of strength in Government in time of war, Government cannot give the support necessary to fighting men and their commanders in a difficult period, a disheartening and disappointing period.

If Government has always to be looking over its shoulder to see whether it is going to be stabbed in the back or not, it cannot possibly keep its eye on the enemy.

British Are Unique

"Another point of some difficulty which presents itself to me whenever I am asked to make a statement to the House is whether I ought to encourage good hopes of a successful outcome of particular operations or prepare the public for a serious disappointment. From a purely British standpoint there is no doubt that the second of these courses is to be preferred and this course I have usually followed.

"The British nation is unique in this respect that they are the only people who like to be told how bad things are, who like to be told the worst, and like to be told that they are very likely going to get much worse in the future and must prepare themselves for further reverses.

"But when you go to other countries—oddly enough I saw a message from the authorities who are most concerned with our Arab problem at present, urging we should be careful not to indulge in too many gloomy forecasts. The Arabs do not understand British character of meeting trouble long before it comes and I think it is much better to go on putting a bold face on things and then meet disaster when it arrives.

Seized Upon By Enemy

"Any statements of a pessimistic character used here are calculated to discourage our friends and to spread alarm and despondency over wide regions to affect nicely balanced neutrals and to

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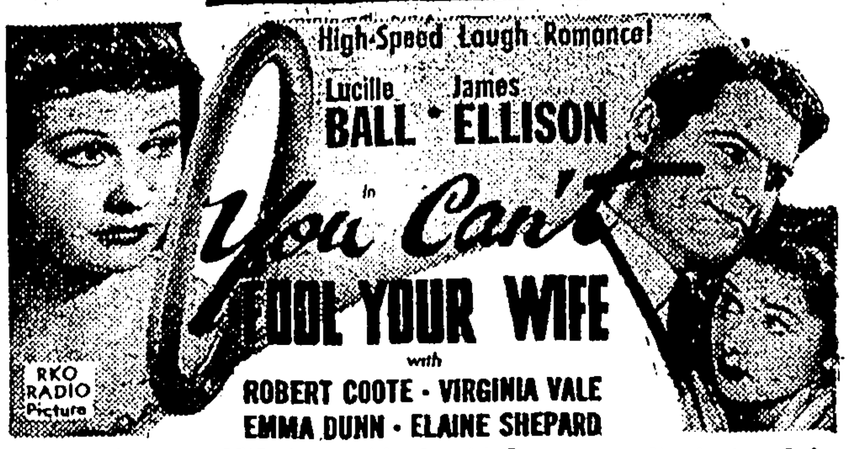

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encourage the enemy who of course seizes upon phrases of any gloomy allusion and repeats a hundredfold in its strident propaganda.

"It makes me feel very much whether members of Parliament have not got to pick their words very carefully. In this deadly war in which we are gripped with dangers which are measureless as they are unprecedented, closing upon us in so many quarters with so much to defend and such limited resources, so many changes which may turn ill against us — it is a great pity if statements are made which add nothing to the informative criticism which is so valuable but can be taken from their context and placarded all over the world as a sign that we are not united or that our case is much worse than it is.

"One thing I regret very much is that the brunt of this fighting in the Middle East should have fallen so heavily on the splendid Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I regret it for this reason among others, that German propaganda is always reproaching us for fighting with other people's blood and they mock us with insulting taunt that England will fight to the last Australian or New Zealander.

"I was very glad to see Mr. Menzies in a noble speech on Sunday deal with this vile propaganda as it deserved.

British Losses Heavier

"There have been, in fact, since 1941 almost as many British as there were Australians and New Zealand troops engaged in all operations in the Western Desert, in Greece and in Crete.

"Losses during this year compared with the numbers engaged are slightly heavier for the British than for Dominion troops. In Crete also the numbers were almost exactly equal and the British losses again slightly heavier.

"These figures include killed, wounded and missing and they include Indian and non-British troops.

"In order to turn the edge of this German propaganda, I have asked the Secretary for War to endeavour to have mentioned more frequently the names of the British regiments when this can be done without detriment to operations.

Heavy Marine Casualties

"The following British regiments and units, for instance, fought in Crete: Connaught Rangers, Black Watch, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Leicestershire Regiment, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and a number of Royal Marines who formed the rearguard and suffered most heavily of all.

"IN FACT 2,000 ROYAL MARINES LANDED IN CRETE; 1,400 BECAME CASUALTIES OR PRISONERS.

"Naval losses in these operations exceed 500 officers and men and while this was going on we also lost 1,300 men in H.M.S. Hood."

The Premier continued: "Of the 90,000 lives lost hitherto in this war at home and abroad at least 85,000 come from the Mother Country. Therefore I repel and repudiate German taunts on behalf of the Mother Country and of the Dominions of Australia and New Zealand themselves.

Might Be Asked

"It might well be asked; 'Why, having to begin the Battle of Crete, did you not persist in the defence of the island? You could bring 17,000 men safely to return to Egypt. Why could not you have reinforced with 17,000 men to carry on the battle?'

"The moment it was proved that we could not rush air-borne landings before the Fleet losses became too heavy to hold off seaborne landings, Crete was lost and it was necessary to save what was possible of the Army.

"It is one thing to take off 17,000 men with side arms and another to land them in fighting conditions with guns and material. It is a wonderful thing that as many as 17,000 got away in the face of the enemy's overwhelming command of the air.

No Regrets

"We should not regret the battle of Crete. The fighting there attained a severity and fierceness which the Germans had not previously encountered in their walk through Europe.

"In killed, wounded, missing and prisoners we lost 15,000 men. This takes no account of the losses of the Greeks and Cretans who fought with the utmost bravery and suffered so heavily.

"On the other hand, from most careful and precise enquiries, we believe that about 5,000 Germans were drowned in trying to cross the sea and they lost 12,000 killed or wounded on the island itself.

"In addition, the air-borne force which the Germans employed sustained extraordinary losses, about 180 fighters and bombers being destroyed as well as about 250 troop-carrying 'planes. This, when our air strength is overtaking the enemy's, is important.

Well Worth It

"I am sure it will be found that this sombre and ferocious battle, which was lost upon no great margin, was well worth the fighting and will play an extremely important part in the whole defence of the Nile Valley throughout the present year.

"It is asked, will the lessons of Crete be learned and will they affect the defence of this island?

"Officers who participated in the thickest of the fighting, including a New Zealand Brigadier, are already approaching this country. Very full appreciations have been made by the Staff in the Middle East and are being made in more lengthy form.

"This material will be examined by the staff here and will be placed at the disposal of Sir Alan Brooke, who commands the several millions of armed men in this island, including the Home Guard. Every effort will be made to profit thereby.

"THERE ARE TWO FACTS TO BE BORNE IN MIND IN COMPARING WHAT HAPPENED IN CRETE AND WITH WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN HERE.

Two Facts

"Firstly, we rely upon superiority in the air, certainly upon much greater air power, both actually and relatively, than was proved sufficient last Autumn. This sustains not only land defence but liberates again the power of the Navy from the thraldom in which it was held round Crete.

"Secondly, the scale of effort required of the Germans in the attack would have to be multiplied many times over what was necessary in Crete, and it might be this would be beyond the capacity of their resources for their schemes.

"We shall not be lulled by these two arguments into any undue sense of security. An attack by parachute troops and gliders may be likened to incendiary bombs which, if not quickly extinguished one by one, may lead not only to serious fires but to an enormous conflagration.

Nothing Will Be Stinted

"We are making many improvements in the defence of our air fields and in the mobility of our forces which will be employed upon that and on other tasks. Nothing will be stinted and not a moment will be lost.

"It is not true that Germans clothed their parachute troops who attacked Crete in New Zealand uniforms. I gave that report to the House as it reached me from the C.-in-C. Middle East, but he now informs me that the mistake arose from the fact that parachute troops, after landing at one point, drove a number of New Zealand walking wounded before them and along with them in their attacks and consequently the cry arose that they themselves were in New Zealand uniform.

"There is no objection to the use of parachute troops in war, so long as they are dressed in the distinctive uniforms of their country. This kind of fighting is however, bound to become very fierce as it breaks out behind the fronts and lines of the Army and the civil population is almost immediately involved."

Hore-Belisha Again

Mr. Churchill then turned to Syria, when Mr. Hore-Belisha invited him to say something about the Air Arm cooperation.

Mr. Churchill declared that in the last year, the great need was to multiply fighters and bombers. It became an enormously important matter.

Nevertheless a proportion of Army Cooperation squadrons were associated with the military forces but not on a scale which was desirable.

"It is of the utmost consequence that every division, especially every armoured division, should have the chance to

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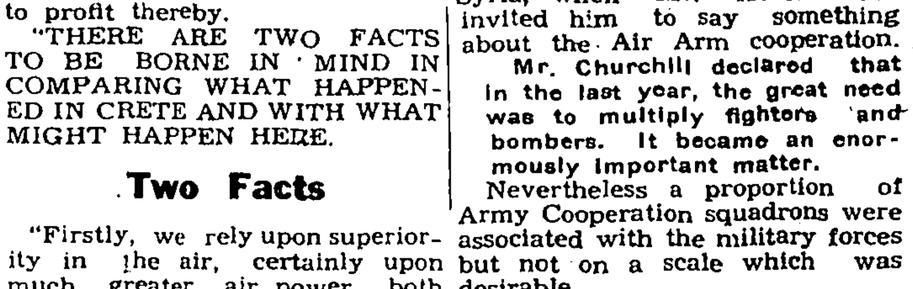

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Germany On The Spot

The "Wall Street Journal" quotes Mr. Bernard Baruch in an exclusive interview as saying: "Germany, not the United States, is on the spot economically if Germany wins control of the European continent.

"Under a proper economic policy, the United States will be able to drive Germany from many desired neutral markets."

He cited evidence just received from a large American Company owning a factory in a leading industrial city in Germany.

The report shows that despite low wages and long hours, with the German mark at 37 cents, the American plant was turning out products much cheaper.

Germany is faced with a huge employment and economic problem after the war.—Reuter.

N.E.I. RECRUITS FOR BRITAIN

A great number of naval wireless operators trained in the Netherlands East Indies will soon go to England to join the Netherlands Naval Forces, says a Reuter message from Batavia this morning.

INDIA AND BURMA TO CONFER

The Governments of India and Burma, in a communique yesterday, declared they are anxious if possible to reach an agreed solution of the various problems relating to Indian immigration into Burma.

As a result of preliminary discussions, in both Governments' opinion, the stage has been reached where personal negotiations offer reasonable prospect of success. The Raj therefore has accepted an invitation of the Government of Burma to send a delegation to Burma.

The Indian Delegation is led by Marsir Girjashsnker Bajpai, and the Burman Delegation by Mr. Paru Saw, the Premier.

The question of Indian immigration into Burma has been before the public and authorities for some time. Even before the separation of Burma from India the Royal Commission on Labour suggested an enquiry into Indian immigration into Burma. — Reuter.

Darlan Says Nothing

ADMIRAL DARLAN, THE VICHY VICE-PREMIER, BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, MADE NO MENTION OF BRITAIN OR OF EVENTS IN SYRIA, SAYS REUTER.

SHANGHAI ITALIANS SENTENCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

C. Constantini, secretary of the Italian Fascisti in Shanghai and member of the Shanghai Municipal Council Library Committee, was yesterday sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment with the alternative of a fine of 1,500 lira, sentence to be suspended for a period of five years, by Judge Rapex at the Italian Consular Court on assault charges preferred by George Leonoff, city editor of the "China Press."

Three accomplices, Messrs. Penucci, Morelli and Corigliani, were given 15 days or the alternative of a 750 lira fine, and sentences were also suspended for five years.

It will be recalled that the accused attacked Leonoff on May 23 for writing anti-Italian articles.

The victim was lured to the western district and an attempt was made to force him to drink castor oil. In the struggle the victim was knocked down, bruised and smeared with oil. The victim subsequently reported the matter to the Police who charged the Italians.—International News Service.

THAILAND OPTIMISM

MAJOR OSTHANADA RETURNED TO BANGKOK FROM SINGAPORE YESTERDAY.

He said that he was most optimistic regarding future Anglo-Thai relations and thanked Singapore for the generous hospitality throughout his sojourn.

He said that he also took every opportunity to clear up misunderstandings regarding political and economic trends in Thailand. — Reuter.

TOKYO ENVOY RETURNS

After three weeks' absence, the Japanese Minister to Thailand, Mr. Futami, returned yesterday from Tokyo where he had been to report to the Government on the situation in Thailand and also to consult with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, who besides being his official chief is also a personal friend. — Reuter.

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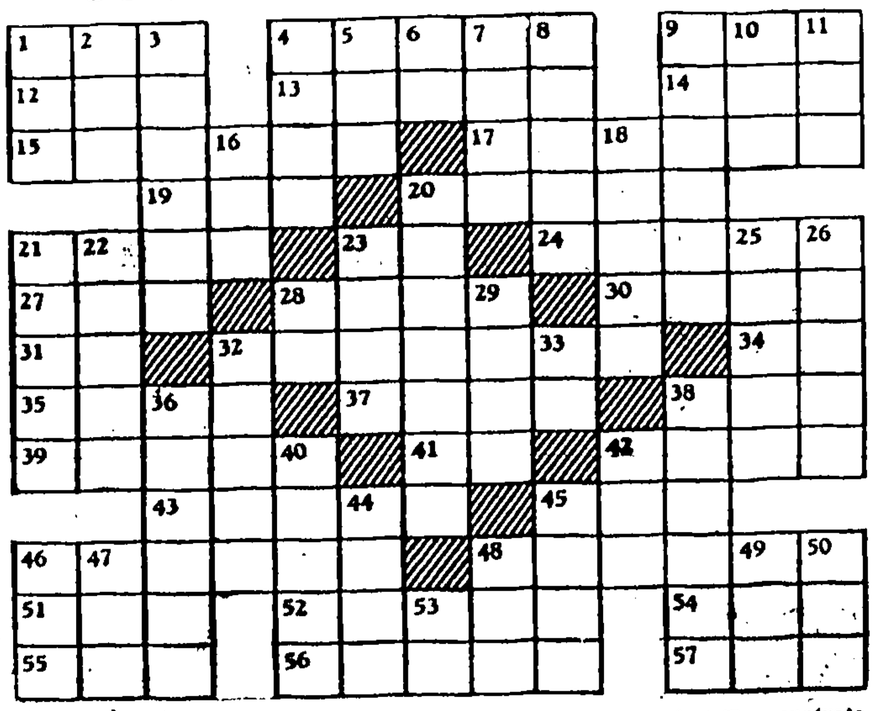

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4 Division of society
9 Informer
12 Flurry
13 Foreign
14 American writer
15 Former Balkan kingdom
17 Passageway connecting two bodies of water
19 Sped
20 To pilot
21 Ancient city in Asia Minor
23 By
24 Honey-badger
27 To chop
28 Melodies
30 Stride
31 Siberian river
32 Eight-armed cephalopod
34 Note of scale
35 To vend
37 Card game
38 Fuel
39 To omit
41 Teutonic deity
42 Lane
43 Endows
45 Droning noise
46 Reluctant
48 To walk with difficulty
51 Split pulse
52 Hebrew prophet
54 Rowing implement
55 Some
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1 Ethiopian title
2 Poem
3 To take as one's own
4 Son of Adam
5 Wing
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7 To examine
8 To penetrate
9 Ancient rival of Athens
10 Hawaiian dish
11 However
16 Body of water
18 Harvests
20 Oarsmen
21 The ones there
22 Resent control
23 Isles
25 Splendour
26 Confining strap
28 Suffix: affected by
29 To box
32 More aged
33 Low note
36 Energetic
38 To frolic
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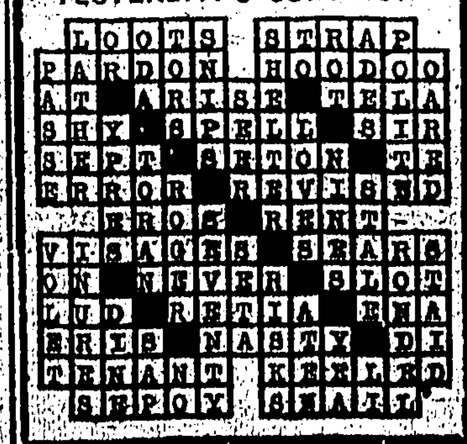

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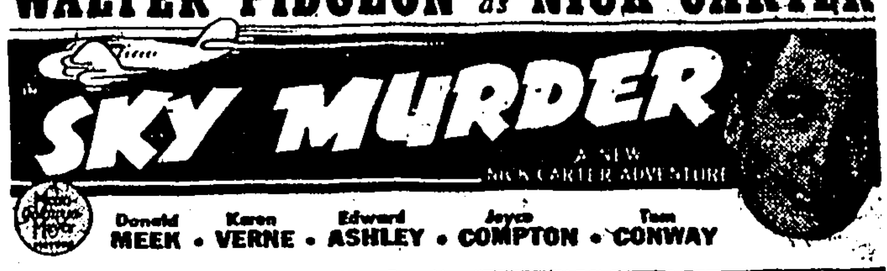

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Next Six Months A Vital Period

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live its daily life and training in close and precise relationship with the particular number of aircraft that it knows it can call up at need.

"It was not possible last year to provide it on a scale without trenching on other domains which were more vital to our safety but it is the intention to go forward on that path immediately and provide the Army with a considerably larger number of aeroplanes suited entirely to the work they have to do and above all to the development of that wireless connection between ground forces, the air and the military, which the Germans have carried to such an extraordinary point of perfection.

Made No Difference

"If this had been done in Crete it would not have made any difference to the event there because the numbers there for the purpose of cooperation with the troops could not have altered events."

Replying to a question on who decided that the air forces on the aerodrome in Crete were to be withdrawn, Mr. Churchill said it was decided by the Commander-in-Chief, Air Forces, in the Middle East, on the recommendation of General Freyberg, and concurred in by the commander of the Fleet Air Arm on the spot.

Mr. Churchill continued that the numbers were small and if they had not been withdrawn they would have been blown off the aerodrome without having been able in the slightest degree to affect the course of events.

Coming to the Syria operation, Mr. Churchill repeated that we have no territorial designs in Syria or anywhere else in French territory.

Reassurance To French

"We seek no colonies or advantages of any kind for ourselves in this war. Let none of our French friends be deceived by blatant German and Vichy propaganda.

"On the contrary we shall do all in our power to restore the freedom, independence and rights of France.

"In a letter I wrote to General de Gaulle I said we shall do all in our power to restore France's freedom and rights but it would be for the French to aid in restoring her greatness. There can be no doubt that General de Gaulle is a more zealous defender of France's interests than are the men of Vichy whose policy is that of utter subservience to the German enemy.

Only Choice

"IT DID NOT TAKE MUCH INTELLIGENCE TO SEE THAT THE INFILTRATION INTO SYRIA BY THE GERMANS AND THEIR INTRIGUES IN IRAQ CONSTITUTED A VERY GREAT DANGER TO THE WHOLE EASTERN FLANK OF OUR DEFENCE IN THE NILE VALLEY AND THE SUEZ CANAL.

"The only choice before us in the theatre of war for some time has been whether to encourage the Free French to attempt a counter-penetration by themselves or whether, at a heavier risk in delay, to prepare a considerable force, as we have done. It was also necessary to restore the position in Iraq before any serious advance in Syria could be made.

"Our relations with Vichy and the possibilities of an open breach with the Vichy Government evidently raised the military and strategic significance of these movements to the very highest point.

Finally, and above all, the formidable menace of an invasion of Egypt by the German Army in Cyrenaica, supported by large Italian forces, with this position in Syria, has very nearly gone.

Nazi Prison Spreading

"The German poison was spreading throughout the country and the revolt in Iraq, perhaps beginning prematurely, enabled us to take the necessary measures to correct the evil, but we must not rejoice or give way to jubilation while we are engaged in operations of this difficulty and when the reaction of the Germans still remains to us obscure and unknown.

"It is very easy for critics, without troubling too much about resources—and even without a sense of time, to clamour for action, now here, now there, without even a cursory examination of the atlas, but the House will best guard its own dignity and authority by refraining from taking sweeping or superficial views.

"Others have said we must follow a hand to mouth strategy.

Easier Said Than Done

"We must regain the initiative and impart to all our operations that sense of mastery and design which the Germans so often display. Nobody agrees with that more than I do but it is a good deal easier said than done, especially while the enemy possesses vastly superior resources and many strategic advantages.

"For all those reasons I have never encouraged hopes of a short and easy war. Nonetheless, it would be a mistake to go to the other extreme and belittle the remarkable achievements of our country and its armed forces. There are many things for which we may be thankful.

"Air attack on this island has not overwhelmned us, indeed we have risen through it strengthened and glorified.

Production Higher

"There is no truth in the statement that productivity in our factories is falling off at an alarming rate. It may not be going as fast as we would like, and if anyone can tell us how to make it go faster, he will be rendering a great service, but it is not a simple question of giving very stringent orders and demands. There is much more than that in making the whole of our factories go properly.

"But it is the exact reverse of the truth to say that productivity is falling off at an alarming rate.

"In guns and heavy tanks, for instance, the monthly average for the first quarter of 1941 was 50 per cent. greater than in the last quarter of 1940. The output for the month of May was the highest yet attained and more than double the monthly rate for the last quarter of 1940.

Battle Of The Atlantic

"In the first place we have not been overwhelmned by an air attack and our production, so far from being beaten down by disorganisation of attack, has been increasing at very high rate.

"The Battle of the Atlantic is also being well maintained.

"In January, Hitler mentioned March as the peak month of his effort against us on the sea. We were to be exposed to attacks on a scale never before dreamed of and there were rumours of hundreds of U-boats and masses of aircraft to be used against us.

"These rumours were spread against us in the world and a very alarming impression produced.

"Apart from the losses incurred in the fight in the Mediterranean, which were serious, the month of May was the best month we had for some time on the Atlantic. Prodigious exertions were made to bring in cargoes and to protect ships and these exertions have not failed.

"It is much easier to sink ships than to build them or to bring them safely across the ocean.

Astonishing Fact

"It is a most astonishing fact that in the month of May we sank or captured, of caused to be scuttled no less that 257,000 tons of enemy shipping, although they present us with a target which is perhaps one-tenth as great as we present to them.

"While they sneak from port to port under the protection of their air umbrella, and make short, furtive voyages from port to port across the sea, we maintain our world wide traffic with never less than 2,000 ships on the seas or less than 40 in the danger zone on any day.

"Yet the losses inflicted upon them in the month of May were in the nature of three-quarters of the losses they inflicted on us.

"This also has a bearing on the possibility of a sea-borne invasion because destruction of enemy tonnage is proceeding at a most rapid and satisfactory rate.

"Nor need these solid grounds for thankfulness and confidence fall upon us when we look at the aspect of the war in the Middle East.

"We have been at war for 21 months. Almost a year has passed since France deserted us and Italy came in against us.

The Position To-day

"If anybody had said in June last we should to-day hold every yard of territory for which Britain is responsible in the Middle East, that we should have conquered the whole of the Italian Empire of Abyssinia, Eritrea and East Africa, that Egypt, Palestine and Iraq would have been successfully defended, he would have been thought a very foolish visionary.

"But that is the position at the moment. It is more than three months since the Germans gave out they would be in Suez in a month and were telling the Spaniards that when Suez fell they would have to come into the war.

"Two months ago many people thought we should be driven out of Tobruk or forced to capitulate there. The last time we had a debate on the war, an instructed commentator warned us gravely of the danger of the German thrust at Assiout, at the head of the Delta.

"Six weeks ago all Iraq was in flame and Habbaniyah was declared to be in direct jeopardy. Women and children were evacuated by air. It was reported from enemy quarters that surrender would be forced.

All Now Regained

"A hostile insurgent government ruled in Baghdad in closest association with the Germans and Italians. Our forces were pinned in Basrah, having only just landed. Kirkuk and Mosul were in enemy hands.

"ALL HAS NOW BEEN REGAINED. WE ARE ADVANCING INTO SYRIA IN FORCE. OUR FRONT AT MERSA MATRUH, IN THE WESTERN DESERT, IS UNBROKEN AND OUR DEFENSIVE LINES THERE ARE STRONGER THAN EVER.

"Large forces which were occupied in the conquest of Abyssinia are now set free with an immense mass of transport and large numbers are on the way to, or have already reached, the Delta of the Nile.

"It would be most unfair and wrong and very silly, in the midst of the defence which has so far been crowned with remarkable success, to select the loss of the Crete salient as an excuse and pretext for branding with failure, or taunt the great campaign for the defence of the Middle East, which has so far prospered beyond all expectation and is now entering upon an even more intense and critical phase.

A Famous Chapter

"I give no guarantee and make no promise or prediction for the future, but if the next six months, during which we must expect ever harder fighting and many disappointments, should find us in no worse a position than that in which we now stand to-day, if after having fought so long alone and single-handed against the might of Germany and against Italy and against the intrigues and treachery of Vichy, we should still be found faithful and unbeaten guardians of the Nile Valley and of the regions that lie about it, then I say a famous chapter will have been written in the martial history of the British Empire and the Commonwealth.

After Mr. Churchill's speech the House of Commons adjourned without a vote.—Reuter.

MOSCOW FRIENDLIER TO FINNS

PAVEL ORLOFF, NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER TO FINLAND, ARRIVED IN HELSINKI AMID PREDICTIONS OF POLITICAL OBSERVERS THAT A MORE FRIENDLY POLICY COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FROM THE KREMLIN.

These predictions were supported by a sudden cessation of hostile radiocasts aimed at Finland from Moscow.

These attacks, which had continued in the post-war peace period, ended simultaneously with the appointment of Mr. Orloff to succeed the outgoing Minister, Ivan Zotov.

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A "HUMAN NEEDS" DIET

The Oxford Institute of Statistics in its latest bulletin makes a most interesting attempt to find out what it costs now to obtain a "human needs" diet—a properly balanced diet for the family of low income. Prices were collected from the cheapest shops in Oxford and a diet compiled to correspond as nearly as possible in nutritional values with that laid down by the British Medical Association.

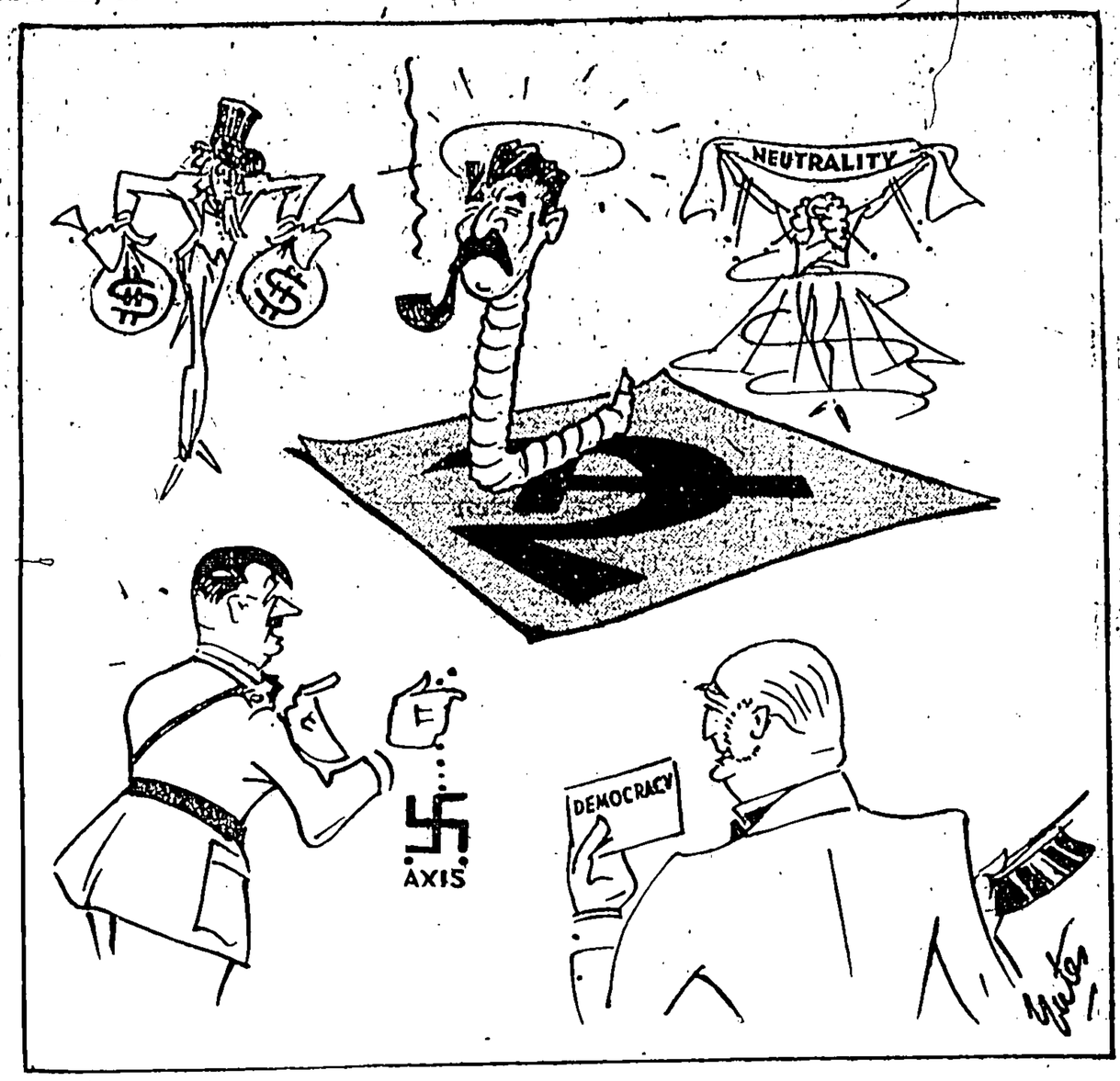
Mr. Seebohm Rowntree's inquiry in 1936 put the cost of such a "human needs" diet for a man, wife, and three young children at 23s. 5d. a week. The Oxford inquiry last month puts it at 32s.

So, in spite of the partial substitution of cheap for more expensive foods, the outlay will be 41 per cent. more than in 1936. In the same period the Ministry of Labour's food index has risen by about 27 per cent. (20 per cent. since the war).

The comparison does not speak well for the present-day value of the official index. The diet is, however, short of Vitamin C and probably also of iron and calcium. Its mineral content and also its richness in the Vitamin B group would probably be improved if brown were substituted for white bread—a matter of taste and of price. The shortage of fruit makes it difficult to supply the Vitamin C deficiency at moderate cost.

While theoretically the diet may be reasonably adequate, the average housewife, it is urged, will scarcely be able to supply it to her family, since it involves more time spent in shopping and more cooking than is usually possible to her.

The conclusion, and it is an important one, is that such a diet could only be made generally available if people were to be supplied with one communal meal a day.



WHERE WILL THE WORM TURN?

A Self-Educated Army

By W.E. Williams

Most people are vaguely aware that, after many false starts, there is an Army education scheme in action, but they know very little about its purpose or about the way it works. Until a few weeks ago, apart, of course, from technical military training, there was one single educational source in the adult education bodies of Great Britain. These bodies, working through regional committees provided Army and R.A.F. units with lectures and discussions on a wide variety of subjects. The massed resources of university extension, W.E.A., local education authorities, &c. were thus lent, at first on a voluntary basis, to those citizens who had also become soldiers and airmen for the duration.

But adult education in peacetime provides lecturers for an audience not one-twentieth the size of the Army to-day. The only possible way of supplementing this inadequate ration of imported education was for the Army to attempt to produce some of its own education. In its wise and imaginative pamphlet "Education in the War-time Army," as well as in later instructions, the War Office has urged on units the importance of developing their own cultural resources, and to-day, although the Army is using to the full the available services of the adult education bodies, it is also increasing, week by week, the number of "home-produced" educational classes. Unit education officers are now finding and using the teaching talent of officers and men at a rapidly increasing rate.

Any one who has spent a few weeks observing at close quarters the development of the new Army education scheme is at first bewildered by the contrasts it presents. In one unit the only sample you are offered is a weekly debate on such a topic as "Amateur v. professional in sport" or a spirited performance by a small percussion band. But in another unit you will find a timetable which includes within a single week classes in French, German, music, drama, world affairs, local government, elementary science, and archaeology. There are units so well off in teaching talent that they can not only provide their own men with a wide choice of subjects but can also lend their surplus to their poorer neighbours. In many places, again, the soldiers still depend entirely on the "imported" educational rations instead of providing their own.

The truth is that in this still tentative and experimental scheme several policies are operating, and not all of them are effective or even desirable. In some places, for example, the well-meaning but premature policy was tried of "training the men for the return to civil life." On this basis artisans were coaxed to consider the advantages of a black-coated life after the war and for a few brief and disillusioning weeks tried to learn book-keeping or shorthand or commercial French. This idea is now less favoured, and the local education authorities are better engaged, apart from the considerable aid they are giving in technical training, in arranging courses in handicrafts, drama, music, and similar constructive kinds of recreation.

Another policy which gained a hold for a time was the anti-boredom line. It is probable that some commanding officers who would have been indifferent to "education for its own sake" were persuaded to push the scheme for its value in keeping the men occupied in the winter evenings. The weakness of the anti-boredom policy was that it tended to develop an indiscriminating idea of education. "Any old thing to interest the men" is an attitude which might soon produce the effect of a Gresham's Law and reduce educational effort to a sheer entertainment level. But one hears far less from commanding officers to-day than one did a few months ago about the antidote value of education and far more about its value as a stimulus to thought and as a provoker of positive new interests and occupations.

The growing understanding within the Army of the real cultural purposes of an educational system is best shown in the emphasis now set upon discussion. At first there used to be something of a parade atmosphere about this voluntary system. The "high spot" of the proceedings was regarded as What the Lecturer Said. The present inclination is to consider the lecture as the preliminary to an unfettered give-and-take of opinion among the men — feature all the more healthy because several officers are usually among the audiences.

Another good symptom is the effort being made to organise continuous courses in a subject rather than a series of unrelated lectures.

After a slow and uncertain start Army education has got on to the right lines and is developing at a surprisingly good pace. Its administration is in the very capable and enthusiastic hands of the Army Education Corps, recently reinforced by a keen "intake" of men who were W.E.A. tutors, officers of a local education authority, schoolmasters, and so on. Conditions of military training and movement make the whole scheme something of an obstacle race, yet those same conditions are making units realise that, however valuable the service they get from civilian sources, the only education scheme they can be sure of wherever they go is the one they provide for themselves. It is all the more lamentable that the A.T.S., so much more stationary than the men, have so far shown the most tepid interest in providing similar facilities for the women.

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M.P.s--71 AND 43--TALK OF THEIR YOUTH v AGE DUEL

SIR HENRY FILDES, 71-years-old M.P. who has challenged a 30-years-younger M.P. to billiards, running, tennis, and squash — he has already won the billiards — spends only three hours a night in bed.

"Ninety-seven per cent. of people die in bed," he said to a reporter recently, "so they won't catch me there."

Sir Henry is M.P. for Dumfries, and lives at Kerridge, near Macclesfield.

Mr. Edgar Granville (Lib. Nat., Eve, East Suffolk) criticised old men in a recent speech in the Commons. So Sir Henry, being assistant whip of the L'beral Party besides an old man, felt it was up to him to prove that the old 'uns were as good as the young 'uns, physically besides mentally.

Staying Power

He challenged "young" Mr. Granville to 100-up at billiards, a mile running race, a set at lawn tennis, and a game of squash.

When they played off the billiards Mr. Granville reached 99 when Sir Henry was still at 78.

"That's where my staying power came in," said Sir Henry. "I ran to 99 too—and then left him a double baulk."

Sir Henry is not going into training for the other tests. He says he has no need to.

"These lads must be put in their place and I shall do it because I'm a stayer.

"I go to bed at four in the morning and I'm up again at seven.

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"After midnight I read and play patience. I'm no crank.

"I keep fit by being moderate and sensible. I smoke eight cigarettes a day and enjoy a drink.

"I also enjoy hard work. When people ask me how I made £50,000 out of cotton I tell them I always went to work half an hour before my workpeople and stayed an hour longer.

"When I'd been doing this for years my father left me forty-nine thousand nine hundred pounds nineteen shilling and threepence."

It is now up to Mr. Granville to fix the time and place for the running, tennis, and squash.

Sir Henry is ready — "The sooner the better. I'll teach these youngsters. After all these jousts Mr. Granville will have to take his place at the bottom of the class."

Mr. Granville's comment was: "I hope Sir Henry will not collapse on the track."

ILLEGAL PAWNING OF CLOTH

For illegally pawning 21 rolls of cloth, valued at $174, Yeung Tsim, 55, master of junk No. 3799, Ching Kong, 31, junk foki, and Yung Yau-yu, 30, junk owner, were each sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

The cloth was the property of the Wu Hong Lau firm in Wing Lok Street, which chartered the junk to convey some $14,000 worth of cloth to a place near Macao on May 30.

In the course of loading the cloth, accused, it was alleged, removed 21 rolls which they later pawned at $9 per roll.

The junk owner was ordered to pay $90 compensation to complainant or serve a further two months' hard labour.

CONSTABLE FINED FOR DESERTION

Police constable No. C57, Chan Iu, 32, attached to the No. 7 Police Station, was fined $250, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for desertion.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Byron prosecuted.

'THOMSON RD. ARMED ROBBERY CASE

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with armed robbery at No. 9, Thomson Road, second floor, on April 29.

They were also alleged to have been responsible for the robbery at the Horiuchi Book Store, No. 38, Hennessy Road.

The accused were Wong Kwong, 25, Li King-chiu, 22, Hon Cheung, 23, Wu Tak-yu, 27, Li Siu-san, 20, and Cheng Fook, 25, all unemployed.

The first, second and fifth accused were additionally charged with highway robbery on May 19, at No. 149, Des Voeux Road Central.

At the request of Detective Sergeant V. Morrison, defendants were remanded for one week for further enquiries.

CHARGES AGAINST UNIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Charges that the rampant labour trouble in Shanghai turned to personal gain by many Unions, were levelled by employers in the Painters' profession who said that they had been "squeezed" by Painters Union officials.

"Special" dues have been demanded by the Union under threat of strikes.

Meanwhile, 1,100 Public Works Department workers have returned after a five-day strike.—International News Service.

STUDENT FINED IN LETTER CASE

A fine of $15 or 18 days imprisonment, was imposed on Chan Tai-ming, 26, student, by Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for possession of three letters intended to be conveyed outside the Colony other than through the Post Office. Defendant stated that one letter was to his wife in Shanghai, the other two having been given to him by some friends for delivery in Macao. Sgt. Summers was in charge of the case.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. A SUFFERER FROM EVACUATION

THAT THE PEAK Tramway Company Limited had experienced one of the worst years for many years, due to the evacuation of the women in July last and the total absence of tourists, and that there was little hope of an improvement whilst the war lasted was mentioned by Mr. D. E. Clarke, presiding at the Annual General Meeting of the company this morning:—

Mr. D. E. Clarke said:—

I regret to come before you with such a poor account — the worst for many years. The reason is not far to seek for with the evacuation of women in July last, the total absence of any tourists, traffic receipts suffered to the extent of $15,000.00 whilst War Taxation, amounting to $4,424.42, comes into the accounts for the first time. I am afraid I cannot hold out any hope of an improvement whilst the war lasts. In fact with rising costs we must be prepared for a further fall in profits until normal conditions again prevail.

Maintenance & Repairs

The amount under this heading is less by nearly $2,000.00 in spite of the fact that during the year we were obliged to spend $7,000.00 in rebuilding a retaining wall at the Traffic Superintendent's house in Bowen Road which collapsed during the heavy rains last Summer.

Considerable saving was, however, made on wire ropes which recently have been giving longer service due no doubt to lighter loads and a slowing up of the Trams during the slack hours. While we still have two wire ropes in stock at pre-war prices, an application made to the Home Authorities for permit for a further rope has been refused, and we have been compelled to order from South Africa at a price nearly double the old rate.

Other items in Profit & Loss Account are very similar to the previous account and do not call for any special mention.

From the Balance Sheet you will notice that depreciation on Buildings, Haulage Plant and Cars at the rate fixed sometime ago has been fully allowed for.

Dividend

In view of the fact that we had to meet the expense of rebuilding the retaining wall already referred to, it was decided by your Board to reduce the dividend by only 1%. I must, however, warn you that a further reduction for the current year is almost certain unless traffic receipts improve. The first month of the current year shows a further decline and I am no optimist as regards the remaining eleven months.

With these few remarks, I propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that the following allocation of profits be passed.

Pay a dividend of 5% on 25,000 shares Fully Paid Up	$12,500.00
Pay a dividend of 5% on 50,000 shares $5.00 Paid Up	$12,500.00
And carry forward	$22,241.14
	$47,251.14

SPEECH OF MR. HENRY F. GRADY

DEMOCRACY IS UNDERGOING ITS SEVEREST TEST

"DEMOCRACY IS undergoing its severest test, and it will survive only in the event it can be made to work efficiently." Such is the premise on which Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, based his talk, "The Challenge to Democracy," at the Jefferson Day Dinner in Oakland.

"Democracy, as a form of Government, will not survive unless it can be made to achieve higher accomplishments and a happier state than any rival form of government," Mr. Grady said. "To get these results, Democracy must be made efficient. And we can get this efficiency only when there is real devotion to the cause of Democracy, and people are willing to work and sacrifice for it."

Declaring that "Democracy is essentially a voluntary enterprise" Mr Grady added:

"Our form of government is based on the free will of the people. And just as Democracy's cardinal virtue is personal liberty, so we have within ourselves the free choice to preserve or destroy it. To preserve Democracy we must make it our responsibility, individually and collectively, to see that it functions with a high degree of effectiveness.

"Must Make War"

"This is especially true during an emergency such as we are facing to-day, when highly organised collectivist states have savagely challenged the democratic way of life. To meet this challenge we must make war on the enemies of Democracy from within. There are those among us who do not share the cooperative concept of Democracy, who seek special privilege, and who organise pressure groups to further their selfish ends in conflict with the public interest. To make Democracy work we must subject personal and group interest to the National Interest which must at all times be supreme."

Paraphrasing the axiom that "Democracy has within it the seeds of its own destruction," Mr. Grady explained there is too often a deadly time lag in the functioning of democratic government which places the latter at a distinct disadvantage in dealing with totalitarian states whose leaders move at will without having to consult with or answer to their regimented subjects.

He continued: "This advantage for the dictators, however, is more than offset by the power and efficiency of a free people voluntarily mobilised to protect their interests. Once the people of a democracy become thoroughly aroused to their danger and freely unite in the high common purpose of defending their liberties, they are always a more formidable foe than a regimented people galvanised into action by the lash of a dictator."

Keystones

"Ironically," Mr. Grady said, "Democracy's strength is also its greatest weakness. Free speech, the right of assembly, unlimited debate and referendum . . . . these are all keystones of Democracy. And yet confronted by powerful, hard-hitting dictators who answer to no one, these blessings of a free people, unless rationalised and used with great discretion, may be turned against them and made the instrumen'ts of their own destruction. We have seen this happen in Europe, and we should make haste to see that it does not happen in America."

In conclusion, Mr. Grady said:

"The problem is: Will we in America meet the threat in time? Have we the determination to make Democracy work, through the willingness to sacrifice much now, so that we will not have to sacrifice everything later? Have we the good sense to forego partisan bickering and endless debate, while time is our greatest asset? The answer to these and other questions will determine whether or not we will be successful in meeting the challenge to Democracy."

APPEAL TO LOVERS OF FREEDOM

An appeal to every true lover of the country to bend his whole energies for the strengthening of India's defence and equipping all soldiers fighting India's battles, was made by the Maharaja of Mysore inaugurating the Joint Session of the Mysore Legislatures yesterday afternoon.

The Maharaja said: "Let our watchword be economy and production in every possible direction, most of all in those that help India to play a full part in the war."

The Maharaja referred to the enormous sacrifices which were being made in other parts of the world to save civilisation.

He said the forces of destruction have been let loose. It looked as though those who released them had lost control over the consequences of their recklessness.

All human effort and safety was jeopardised to a degree unknown in history.

No lover of human freedom and ordered progress, or patriot, seeking India's safety and happiness could afford in the hour of imminent peril to exaggerate the importance of local questions or fail to do all that lay in their power to achieve the victory for collective and individual effort.—Reuter.

SUPPLYING U.S. FORCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS LAID THE FIRST CLAIM FOR THE NAVY AND ARMY ON PRACTICALLY ALL CLOTHING AND MACHINERY USED TO PRODUCE CHEMICALS FOR DRUGS AND MEDICINES, THE CINEMA INDUSTRY, PHOTO INDUSTRY AND A VAST ASSORTMENT OF OTHER MATERIALS.

The Office of Production Management announced a list, including 40 new items, for which Army and Navy officers may automatically assign preference rating certificates, thus assuring prompt delivery for immediate purposes.

The items included all fabricated, mechanical and electrical equipment. — International News Service.

SNATCHED $13

For snatching $13 from Yum Po, 22, shop foki, at a money exchange shop in Shanghai Street yesterday, Wong Ki, 20, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning. Accused was arrested by a Chinese constable after a short chase.

JAPANESE TO RECALL DELEGATE?

The belief is prevalent in quarters close to the Government in Tokyo that the chief delegate, Mr. Yoshizawa, will be recalled from Batavia, thus dimming the prospects of further negotiations.

Well-informed circles last night asserted that Japan's final attitude would be decided on when the Government or the Cabinet Council meets in a special liaison conference within the next few days, says an official Japanese report.

It adds it is understood that the Foreign Office is drafting a Note to the East Indies on the basis of discussions held yesterday morning among members of the Navy, Army and Foreign Office. —Reuter.

HEALTH RETURN

Thirty-six cases of cholera with 19 deaths; 187 of tuberculosis with 138 deaths, 40 of dysentery with 24 deaths; 16 of enteric fever with five deaths; six of measles with four deaths, three of diphtheria with two deaths, and one of cerebro-spinal fever, were notified to the Health Authorities last week.

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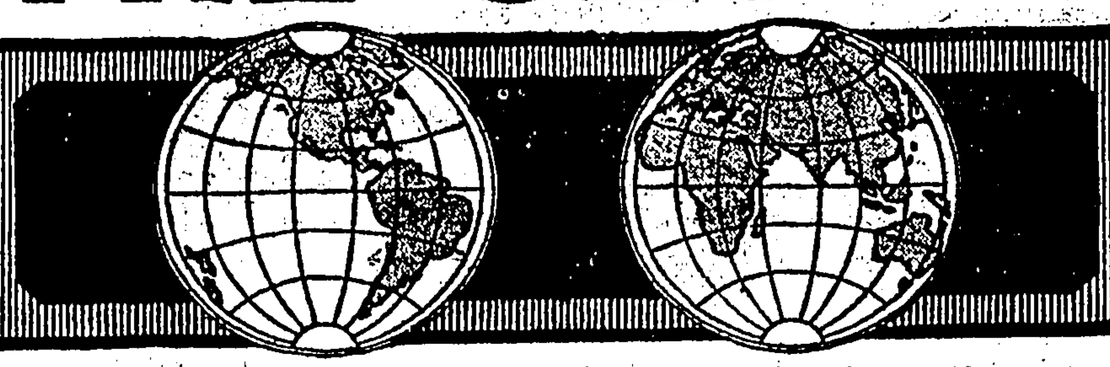

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BRIDGE NOTES

HANDLING A PARTNER

By The Four Aces

When an expert gets bad results with a poor partner, it may seem that the poor player is at fault — but it is usually the expert's fault just the same. Proper handling would have produced better results. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K
♡ 9 7 3
◇ K 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 2

WEST
♠ J 5 4
♡ 10 8 5 4
◇ 8 7 3
♣ K 6 3

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 3
♡ K 6 2
◇ A 10 9 6
♣ 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 6 2
♡ A Q J
◇ Q J 5 4
♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North was an expert, and South was just an average player. North's jump to five clubs might be a sound bid if South were an expert, but North should have recognised his partner's limitations. If he had thought about it, he would have realised that South would automatically bid five no-trump.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING ... 2
QUEEN ... 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF HIGH CARDS
AVERAGE HAND 10

North might have elected to pass at three no-trump and allow his partner to play the hand at a not unreasonable contract. But if North wanted to play the hand at exactly five clubs, he chose the wrong road to that object.

A good "handler" would bid only four clubs, knowing that South would automatically bid four no-trump. Then North would bid five clubs — and South would surely understand the warning and would pass.

Five clubs, of course, cannot be defeated; and five no-trump is a very unsound contract. Correct psychology would have enabled North to steer the bidding to the right contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 8 6 3 2
♡ 7
◇ Q J 5 4
♣ K 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1NT	Dbl.	2♡	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Partner's double shows a strong hand; and game is likely if he has support for spades. If he lacks spade support, you are ready for any other suit he names.

Score 100% for two spades, 30% for pass.

Question No. 739

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 10 7 5 2
♡ J 8
◇ A 6 3
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1◇	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AIR FRANCE MEN FOR R.C.A.F.

The majority of the personnel in South America of Air France, the famous French civil air line, appear to be supporters of the Free French movement and General de Gaulle.

This is confirmed by a circular letter from the authorities of the Free French movement to the de Gaulle societies in America.

Some technicians from South America are already on their way from South America to Montreal, via New York, to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

"SOUND" OPINIONS

A bomber station is filled with sounds by day, but the sounds of the night are the most significant. The sounds take on a new meaning, and each one tells a story.

Many of the personnel have their favourite sounds, and they like to indicate them to visitors. They say "Listen to that!" or "Doesn't that thrill you?"

Here is a symposium of opinions from flying men and others who make their home on bomber stations.

A Medical Officer: "I'm always stirred by the rat-a-tat of the machine-guns as the rear gunner tests them before the flight. He points them down to the ground and fires off a few rounds just to make sure his Brownings are working smoothly. It makes the old heart sit up."

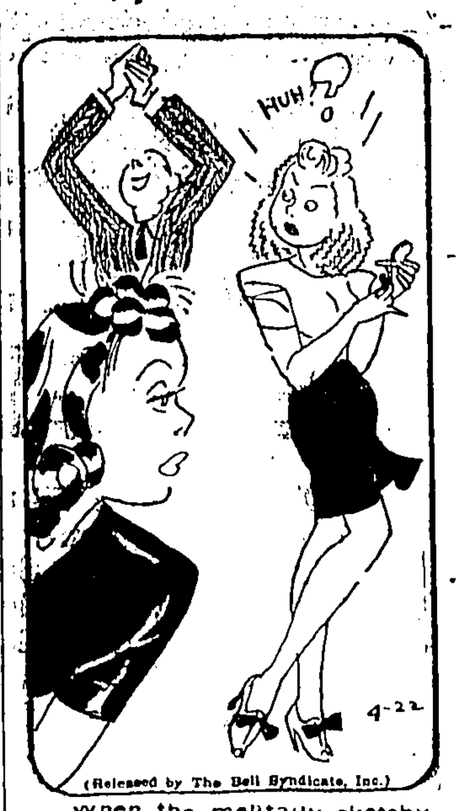
A Wing Commander, in charge of a Squadron: "There's nothing to beat the sound of the take-off. It's like opera music; it's full and it's satisfying. The rhythm of the engines as they settle down to work before the aircraft whizzes up the runway always sounds good to me. Then as the aircraft leaves the ground there's that beautiful, continuous hum of power which you can hear long after the machine has disappeared in the clouds."

A ground mechanic: "I like to be near the crew room just before the take-off and hear those lads joking before they set off to Berlin. There's nothing rowdy about it. It always reminds me of the quiet sort of banter you hear in a football dressing room just before the teams go on to the field."

An Intelligence Officer: "What I like to hear most is that first faint buzz of a returning aircraft. There's a pause after we have received all the various signals to say that our aircraft are coming in safely, and then through the windows in the dawn we hear the first one arriving. Someone always says: "That's a 'Whitley,' although everyone knows that it isn't a Jerry. Then we clear the table ready for the interrogation."

A Group Captain, commanding officer of a station: "The most cheering sound I know is the bustle outside the door of the intelligence room just before the crews come in to be interrogated. Then the lively 'Good morning, sir. Good trip, thank you.' The bustle and chatter at any other time of the day are just meaningless compared with this."

Yes, there is scope for a dictionary of sounds on a station of Bomber Command.



When the mentally sketchy girl-friend's beau says "the ayes have it" he's admiring her new make-up.

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A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Sir—"Now here is a special announcement."

We all sat up and waited last Monday night at 8 p.m. Then came a perfectly delightful rigmarole to the effect that owners of radio sets should keep their sets under control and not annoy their next door neighbour unnecessarily.

This little example rather typifies Z.B.W.'s outlook.

I personally had put up with a longer bout than usual of the music box—it looks even better than it sounds—and it too seemed to think the same as it stopped and for practically a minute there was silence before the 8 o'clock time signal cut through the air. Then the special announcement . . . and then what was going to happen during the week!

Can you imagine people in each household sitting down and taking down in longhand, shorthand or by any other means the week's programme? If this is broadcast for people outside the Colony, it would be interesting to know whether they contribute to the upkeep of Z.B.W.

In short, I think Z.B.W. wastes far too much time doing little.

W.B.Z.

OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED

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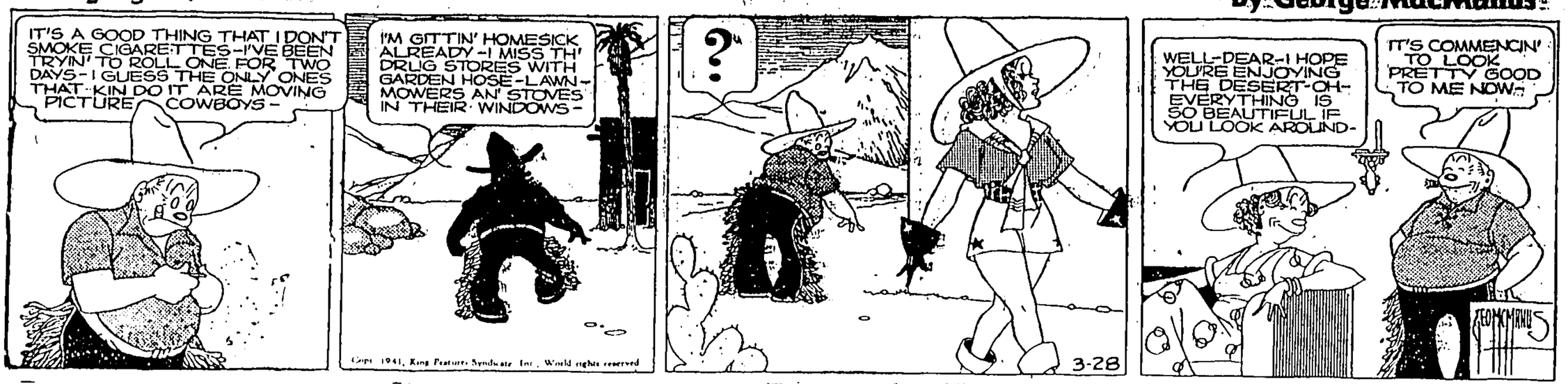

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Pretty Singing Star Advises Career Girls

"By knowing how to save wear and tear on one's self you increase the amount of work you can do and your enjoyment," states pretty Jean Dickenson, Metropolitan's favourite young soprano.

"There is no trick, no magic formula to this, it simply depends upon learning to relax. That is the first lesson which models, lecturers, actresses and singers must learn in fact it should be the first lesson for any woman to learn, especially if she is a careerist. It is a 'must,' if you are an active person and desire to remain pretty and youthful.

"To relax you must have perfect control of your nerves. This requires plenty of sleep. I try to get eight or nine hours each night. Diet and exercise, of course, are important too. Career girls should eat well-balanced, sensible meals, ladened with a full supply of the energy vitamin - B1. This is found in green vegetables, egg yolks, milk, brewer's yeast, liver and kidneys."

Speaking about food, Miss Dickenson paused to caution business girls about hurried luncheons. "Gulping down a sandwich and coffee in a record five minutes, and then galloping from shop to shop for the remainder of the lunch hour is not good. It is most harmful. Nerves become so jangled that the body is bound to suffer severely from such treatment. How much better for beauty and health to spend the better part of the lunch hour eating leisurely and quietly in a comfortable spot (never the office) and to spend the last few minutes of the lunch hour taking a brisk, refreshing walk. Fresh air and sunshine are splendid nerve tonics, and exercise is always a good friend to beauty. Shop leisurely on your free afternoon or after office hours.

JEAN DICKENSON, colourful soprano of Metropolitan Opera, enjoys a health luncheon of a whopping big fruit salad, milk and whole wheat rolls.

Regarding Mat Exercises.

Miss Dickenson believes one should exercise rhythmically with your entire body relaxed unless you are embracing an arduous reducing programme. "Try doing your mat exercises early in the morning," she suggests, to music.

LUCILE FAIRBANKS stands with her hands on hips, elbows pointed outward and twists the upper part of her body rapidly from side to side. This for a slim hipline!

To Reduce Hips Concentrated Exercise Is Required

According to the accepted standards of beauty, a woman's hip measurement should be smaller than her bust measurement. She may be heavier than normal weight for her build and height and age, but her hips must be smaller than her bustline.

There is only one way to reduce heavy hips—and that is through exercise, concentrated exercise. If heavy hips are the bane of your existence I suggest that you do only exercises to reduce that measurement and exercises to improve your posture. By concentrating on these you should be able to reduce your hips rapidly. Of course, I assume that you will regulate your menus when you determine to reduce. Do not starve yourself—eat enough to carry you through your day's tasks—but considerably reduce the amount you have been eating.

Have A Picture

You must have a mental picture of yourself as you would like to be—svelte, agile, alert looking. Then work toward that vision. Hop out of bed EARLY each morning and devote a half hour or hour to these exercises:

1—Stand in good posture (against the wall if need be) with abdomen in, chest high, shoulders back but relaxed. Head must be back too, and do not feel stiff. Relax and take the position again. Repeat this twelve times.

2—Now place palms together high over head, arms frame your face. Now bend from side to side slowly, at first, more rapidly later. Relax when you feel a bit dizzy, then proceed. Practice for three minutes.

3—Lie on your back. Pull your knees to your chest, clasp your arms around them, and rock forward and backward on the fleshy part of your buttocks at least twenty-five times. This also relaxes back muscles which you most likely need! Release your knees and try to take a somersault by swinging your feet over your head. Three times first day, increase one more each day.

4—Pull up your right knee, clasp your hands about it to hold it against your chest. The left leg is on the floor, knee straight and heel extended. Stretch, point your toes, stretch, point your heels. Repeat twenty times, then reverse leg positions and repeat.

5—Kneel down on the floor with knees and heels together—upper body erect. Bend back slowly with arms outstretched in front of you, until you are sitting on your heels. Return to position slowly. Repeat ten times first day and increased two times each day until you are doing it twenty-five times.

Whew, you sigh, that should reduce me! Well I warned you that you MUST WORK TO REDUCE, but remember that lovely vision you have of yourself!

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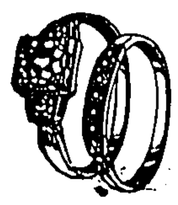

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Riverboat Shuffle; Ostrich Walk....Frankie Trumbauer & his Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—So Long, Sweetheart; Quick-Step—You're an Education....Henry Jacques & his Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Georgianna; Night Time in Cairo .... The Six Swingers. Tango—Cuore Vagabondo; Waltz—The Moon of Manakoora (film "The Hurricane")....Mario de Pietro & his Estudiantina. Fox-Trot—By an Old Pagoda... Billy Cotton & his Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme.

1.02 p.m.—Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers. Where the Bee Sucks (Shakespeare & Arne- arr Shaw); Come let us join the Roundelay (Beale); Venus on Earth—in Vocal Form (Lincke); Unrequitted Love—in Vocal Gems (Lincke).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—A Gershwin Programme.
Looking for a Boy (from "Tip Toes")....Anne Jamison (Soprano) with Orch. Gershwin Fox-Trot Medley Intro: Fascinating Rhythm; Clap Yo' Hands; That Certain Feeling ....Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins. Oh! Lady be Good (from "Oh! Lady be Good"); Bidin' my Time (from "Girl Crazy")....The Foursome (Vocal) with Instrumental Accomp. Porgy and Bess—Selection ....Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. The Man I Love (from "Strike up the Band"); Someone to watch over me (from "Oh! Kay")....Frances Langford (Vocal) with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.
Humorous Recital—Follow Follow (A Football Study in Blue & Green) ....William McCulloch. Bagpipes—Highland Reel and Reel o' Tulloch ....Henry Forsyth. Vocal—There's a wee bit land (Grieve); My ain wee hoose (Wilson & Munro)....Laidlaw Murray (Baritone) with Orchestra. Bagpipes — Eightsome Reel....Henry Forsyth. Humorous Monologue—The "Bluebell Chasers" F.C. Annual Meeting .... William McCulloch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—My Greatest Mistake; 6/8 One Step—Let the Bands Play....Harry Roy & his Band. Quick-Step—On the Sunny Side of the Street; Waltz—If Tears could bring you back....Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Nobody Knows the Way I Feel 'dis Mornings....Sydney Bechet & his New Orleans Feetwarmers. Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer; Quick-Step—The Ferry Boat Serenade....New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trot—All the Things you are; Quick-Step—Maybe....Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—"On Behalf of the Working Classes". Billy Russel (Comedian)—an Actual Theatre Recording.

8.15 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Deanna Durbin (Soprano) and Allan Jones (Tenor).
Tangoland—Intro.: You Could Never Be True; O Cara Mia; Plegaria; Goodnight Vienna....Geraldo & his Sweet Music (with Vocal Chorus). I'm Falling in Love with Someone; Sweethearts (both from film "Life of Victor Herbert")....Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. By the Fireside—Romance (Hippmann)....Frederic Hippmann & his Orch. It's Raining Sunbeams (film "100 men and a girl")....Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra. Rhapsody No. 1 (Rixner)....Eugen Wolff & his Orchestra. The One I Love; Cosi Cosa (both from film "Everybody Sing")....Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. Mexican Serenade (Kashubec); Novellette—Serenade (Henselt)....Frederic Hippmann & his Orchestra. When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from "Spring Parade")....Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Letter from Free China. Read by Mrs. Alice Chow.

9.30 p.m.—The Mills Brothers and Banjo Solos.
Strawberry Fair (Engram); Three Little Fishies (Dowell)....The Mills Brothers. White Rose (Oakley); Tony (Oakley)....Olly Oakley (Banjo) with Piano accomp. Mr. Paganini (Lambert, Richards)....The Mills Brothers.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.
Espana (Waldteufel); Temptation Waltz (Ancliffe); Round the Roundabout (Foster); Snow Man (Archer); Shy Serenade (Scott-Wood).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Sixth of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

10.35 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in F Major, Op. 24—"The Spring".
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio molto espressivo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro molto) and Trio; 4th Mov: Rondo (Allegro ma non troppo)....Jeno Lener (Violin) and Louis Kentner (Piano).

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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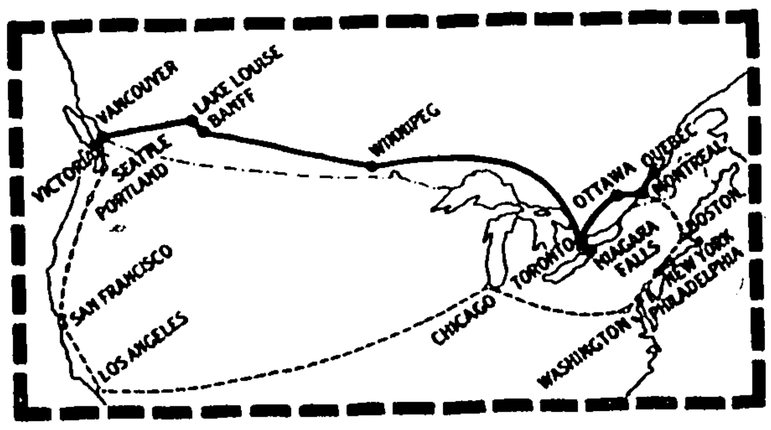

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FACTORY MANAGER FINED

Remarking that he regretted he was powerless to impose a heavier fine than the maximum, which appeared inadequate, to discourage the operation of unregistered factories in the Colony, Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning fined the manager of the Tang Fan Kee Metalware Manufactory $250 for operating an unregistered factory at Mongkok.

Chinese Labour Inspector Ng Hung-su, prosecuting, stated that he had warned defendant several times to cease operation. Accused, added the Inspector, was a persistent offender.

For a similar offence, the manager of the To Kee Knitting Factory, No. 3, Yen Chau Street, was fined $100.

The manager of eight knitting factories in the Shamshuipo District were ordered to pay fines ranging from $20 to $200 for employing woman workers during prohibited hours.

ELINOR, AT 76, WANTS TO AID WAR

At the age of 76, Mrs. Elinor Glyn—the romantic novelist, and the first woman to use the word "It" for "glamour" — is hoping to broadcast British propaganda to the women of the world.

Despite her years, Mrs. Glyn still retains much of the personality and beauty that made her famous as a writer and society hostess.

"Yes, I am still the woman with the flaming red hair and green eyes," she stated.

Mrs. Glyn had never pretended to be unconscious of her beauty, and it was obvious that to-day she still pays as much attention to her looks as a woman half her age.

Her Titian hair was carefully coiffeured and her lips and eyes were faultlessly made up.

"Do I look 76?" she asked me as she fingered a rope of pearls round her neck and adjusted a beautiful fur wrap across the shoulders of her fashionable grey dress.

"I feel I can do something to help win this war, and the only way, at my age, is to reach the largest possible audience through the wireless," she said.

In the last war Mrs. Glyn was one of the ablest of official propagandists. She had an office in Paris, where she wrote propaganda about the French for America and about the Americans for the troops in France.

She paid several visits to the front line.

D.F.C. FOR ATTACK ON BATTLESHIPS

The D.F.C. has been awarded to Pilot-Officer Raymond Alexander Elser, of No. 149 Squadron, for gallantry in an attack on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest.

In the darkness he was not able to identify the battleships, though he could pick out the position they were reported to be.

After searching for some time in face of intense A.A. and searchlight activity, he directed his pilot to run in at 8,500ft., from which height he dropped a stick of bombs.

He repeated this operation twice from 8,500ft. and 7,000ft. and got proof that the ships were there.

He has also obtain first-class bombing results on Venice, Colone, Bremen and Wilmershaven.

Pilot-Officer Esler was born at 1917. He enlisted in the R.A.F. Belfast, where his father lives, in Volunteer Reserve in 1939.

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200 Macao Electrics @ $18½

Friends of Mrs. Jennie el Arculli, wife of Madeen ("Slim") Arculli, H.B. pitcher, will be glad to learn that she is making excellent progress following a minor operation and that she will be able to leave the French Hospital, where she had been a patient, to-day.

ARMY TENNIS DEFEAT

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday in the Second Division of the Tennis League, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Army Tennis Club by 8 sets to 1.

Capt. R. E. Guest and Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce (Army).
lost to F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling ..... 3—6
lost to H. T. Bee and Dr. P. P. Khoo ..... 0—6
lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 3—6

Capt. Head and Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith (Army).
lost to Kwok and Ling .... 3—6
drew with Bee and Khoo .. 6—6
lost to Lee and Ma ..... 3—6

S/Sgt. J. Emberson and Sgt. J. Webb (Army).
lost to Kwok and Ling ..... 3—6
drew with Bee and Khoo ... 6—6
lost to Lee and Ma ..... 3—6

Points For C.R.C.

At Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club beat Civil Service C.C. by 7 sets to 2.

Pang Oi-lam and Iu Tak-lum (C.R.C.).
beat I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall ..... 6—3
beat B. Agafuroff and W. Skinner ..... 6—1
beat M. Yatskin and T. Wardle ..... 6—2

D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.).
beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6—0
beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6—4
beat Yatskin and Wardle .. 6—1

S. W. Liang and W. C. Choy (C.R.C.).
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 4—6
lost to Agafuroff and Skinner ..... 3—6
beat Yatskin and Wardle .. 6—0

K.C.C. Defeated

South China A.A. trounced K.C.C. by 8 sets to 1 yesterday.

A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose (K.C.C.).
lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hok ..... 5—7
beat W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan ..... 6—4
lost to K. H. Ip and B. Szeto 1—6

N. A. E. Mackay and F. Kengelbacker (K.C.C.).
lost to Lee and Hok ..... 3—6
lost to Ho and Wan ..... 3—6
lost to Ip and Szeto ..... 0—6

F. Zimmern and D. H. Hazell (K.C.C.).
lost to Lee and Hok ..... 2—6
lost to Ho and Wan ..... 5—7
lost to Ip and Szeto ..... 3—6

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling for Thursday:

Old Course

9.16 a.m. I. H. Geare, H. F. Phillips.
9.20 ,, A. W. Bourne, J. A. Parrish.
9.24 ,, Capt. Waller, W. J. Willcocks.
9.28 ,, P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin.
9.32 ,, P. E. Annis, H. M. Rowland.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ENDS IN DARKNESS

The opening matches in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship were played yesterday and results were more of less as expected.

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia, a Third Division pair, did well to eliminate their club mates, E. Zimmern and W. K. Way by 25—21 The losers scored at nine ends and finished up with a 5 and a 4.

The last three heads of the game between F. Nolan and A. Jillott and E. Curtis and A. W. Smith was played in darkness. The game finished at 7.45 p.m. Nolan and Jillott were leading at the 18th by 16—11, but the winners reeled off 2 5 1 to win 19—16.

A number of games were postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

Yesterday's results were:

AT RECREIO

A. W. Smith and F. Curtis beat F. Nolan and A. Jillott 19—6.

W. McNeil and P. A. Peckham beat R. Leigh and R. S. Meadows 28—20.

AT CIVIL SERVICE

A. Willerton and G. Davies beat K. W. Forrow and A. G. Grattan 35—10.

AT CRAIGENGOWER

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia beat W. K. Way and E. Zimmern 25—21.

AT HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho 22—20.

TO-MORROW'S BOWLS

A friendly Lawn Bowls match has been arranged between the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association and Club de Recreio, at King's Park, to-morrow. Following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Tong:—

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A Suggestion For Jockey Club's Consideration

A REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES

By "Rapier"

WITH THE ADVENT OF SUMMER WEATHER, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER RACING IN THE COLONY UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. BEFORE I COMMENCE MY REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES — THE CHINA PONIES WILL BE DEALT WITH IN A LATER ARTICLE — I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE FOR ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE STEWARDS AND OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE MADE TO ENSURE THE COMFORT OF THEIR PATRONS.

These officials have undoubtedly worked hard in this direction. There is, however, one little point I would like to mention. The betting public, I am sure, would appreciate it if the names of ponies and jockeys could be hoisted a little earlier than hitherto, thus giving them more time to think things over. I have noticed that such names are never taken down until after the conclusion of a race. Could they not be removed before the start of each race, and the new ones hoisted immediately after a race, leaving any adjustment to be made after the jockeys have weighed out for the following race? The time thus saved would certainly prove of benefit. I am submitting this suggestion for what it is worth.

Racing for the first half of the current season concluded a week ago last Monday, the second day of the Whitsun meeting, which attracted an attendance which probably constituted an all-time record. The Public Stands were packed to capacity and accommodation was so taxed that many found difficulty in following the races. Interest in racing in the Colony at the moment is undoubtedly greater than it has ever been before, as a walk through the betting area would have illustrated.

And now, having given expression to my views, I will proceed to the business in hand. Following the Annual Meeting, there were six extra meetings, the first of which took place on March 22, after two postponements on account of the sodden state of the track. The track naturally suffered from the usage it received during the racing carnival, and consequently times for some time were slower. Once it returned to its normal state, however, record after record was broken and some really exciting and thrilling finishes were seen.

JOCKEYS

Mr. Donald Black retains his position at the head of the list of successful jockeys, having scored 18 wins, 10 seconds and 19 thirds and having been unplaced 53 times. His nearest rival is Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, with 14 firsts, 8 seconds, 13 thirds and 41 times unplaced. Mr. L. B. Chao had only one win less than Mr. Wei, and the next in order are Messrs. H. C. Pih, V. V. Needa, H. J. A. Hearne and D. H. S. Craven.

It will be recalled that, at the Annual Meeting, Commander Craven was unseated whilst riding Melody Star, as a result of which he suffered an injury to his arm. Undaunted by this setback, he returned to riding at the third extra meeting, and made his presence felt at the Whitsun Meeting when he brought in several winners, some of them paying out substantial dividends.

OWNERS

Owners had the benefit of an increase in stakes money, and honours among them have been fairly well divided.

With the large string of ponies which he has at his disposal, Mr. T.K. Li heads the list of successful owners with 13 wins, 9 seconds and 8 thirds, followed by the Cire Stable, with 10 firsts, 6 seconds and 4 thirds. Mr. Li Lan-sang comes next, followed by the Eve Stable, Necan, Marber and the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

NEW AUSTRALIANS

On the strength of its achievements in the Annual Race Meeting, Distant View, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, must be regarded as the best of this year's new Australian Griffins. It has so far met with only two reverses, both inflicted by Sapper—in the Australian Ponies Champions over 1¼ miles and the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class ponies from the two mile post distance.

Distant View, however, proved itself better than Sapper in a sprint event. In the Albury Handicap, from the 1½ mile post, Sapper, ridden by Mr. Proulx, ran unplaced for the first time. The race was run in record time but the record could not be officially recognised as Distant View was carrying 3 lb. under weight per inches. Carrying 157 lb. in the Sharks Bay Handicap for "A" Class ponies, over the mile, however, Distant View dead-heated with Many Thanks in a record-breaking run to better Sapper's time by one second.

I am still of the opinion, however, that when Distant View and Sapper again meet, with Sapper having its original jockey in Mr. Davis, it will prove itself definitely superior over any distance from a mile up.

Cire's Best

Starlight, owned by the Cire Stable, is the next best, judging by the amount of stakes money which it has so far won. This pony won the Stewards' Cup (first time presented), from the two mile post at the second extra race meeting, this being a handicap event for griffins that had not won more than $5000 in stakes, and placed third in the Calliope Handicap (first section) for "B" Class ponies, from the two mile post distance, losing to a Happy Time and Connieber.

Fleetwing, which belonged to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and is now owned by Mrs. Eu, showed its prowess when it won the Beaumaris Stakes over the Champions course at the third extra race meeting; this was in record time and beat the record previously held by Mainsail by 1-4/5 seconds. This pony is definitely good over long distances and I expect to see it winning more races in future.

Oracle, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, won the Oakleigh Plate over the mile in the record time of 1.44 (under new scale of weights) at the first extra race meeting. This was indeed a grand performance, but at the very next meeting, in the Stewards' Cup, it ran unplaced.

Late Development

Man-O'-War, belonging to Penn and Tsoi, failed to show its real merit at the annual race meeting, but it came into the picture later when, at the third extra race meeting, it won the Sydney Handicap (second section), for "D" Class ponies, over 6 furlongs, after which it was immediately promoted to "B" Class. It then went on to win the Broken Hill Handicap (first section) 1¼ miles, Mr. Pih being up on both occasions. It was sent out in the Beas River Paddocks Handicap (1½ miles) under Mr. Tao, but was unplaced, and then, carrying top weight with Mr. L. B. Chao in the saddle, it ran second to National Courage in the Hervey Bay Handicap (1¼ miles).

National Courage, belonging to Why, came into the limelight at at the third extra race meeting with Mr. H. S. Chang on top by winning the Cabramatta Handicap (6 furlongs), and then running third to Man-O'-War and A Happy Time in the Broken Hill Handicap. (first section). Its best performance, however, was its great win in the Hervey Bay Handicap at the sixth extra race meeting, when it defeated Man-O'-War. It has now been promoted to "A" Class.

The following ponies also won: The Nineteenth Hole (Wyalong Stakes), Vanguard (Canterbury Park Stakes), Mountain View (Charters Towers Stakes), A Happy Time (Calliope Handicap), Ratio Decidendi (Moreton Bay Stakes) Graceful View (Great Bight Stakes), Gay Fox (Barwon Head Stakes) and Tropical Love.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBS.

There is no doubt whatever that United Express, belonging to Necan, is the best of this year's lot of Australian subscription griffins. During the annual race meeting, this speedy animal won every race in which it appeared, earning in four outings the substantial sum of $10,909 in stakes money. Since then it has not scored a single win. In the Broken Hill Handicap over the two mile post distance, United Express was expected to give both Distant View and Sapper a good run, but after leading over the first mile it was unable to keep up its initial fiery speed and once overhauled it simply faded out of the picture. However, we should see more of this pony in later meetings.

In order of merit, I rate Endeavour, now the property of "Iron," next. This pony is definitely good on a hard track and over long distances, as evidence of which I need only refer to its convincing win in the Melbourne Cup over two miles, against such redoubtable opponents as Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay. To Endeavour fell the honour of paying out the second best win dividend this year—$150.90.

Mainsail's Record

I nominate Mainsail as the next best pony. It was at one time regarded as good enough to win the Rooty Hill Derby, but unfortunately its training was not then properly advanced, and beyond winning the Flemington Plate (second section) on the fifth day of the annual race meeting, it failed to accomplish anything of note. Since then, however, under careful training, it has shown improvement, so much so that when it appeared in the Caulfield Handicap (1¼ miles) with Mr. Black up, it won in record time! In the Whitsun Handicap over one mile it was third, and its failure in this case could be attributed to the fact that it bored out. Then in the last meet, in the Manly Handicap (first section) for "B" Class Australian Ponies, it took the lead from the start. There was a close struggle between it and Lancashire Chips, and they finished in a dead-heat, smashing Vanity Fair's record by 3/5 of a second. For its record-breaking run it has now gone up to "A" Class.

King's Flight, belonging to Dynasty, has also shown improvement. Under Mr. Needa it ran second to Mainsail in the Caulfield Handicap (1¼ miles), and at the last meet in the Point Nepean Handicap with Mr. Wei up, it scored a creditable win, which was due to a great extent to its jockey's fine handling.

Jus Gentium, belonging to Mr. S. W. Lee, was regarded as the second best subscription griffin this season when it came second to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subs. Champions. It fell off in form after winning the Randwick Plate (first section) over the mile. In the Broken Hill Handicap (second section) for "B" Class ponies it was made hot favourite, but ran unplaced. It is probable that with further training this pony will return to form after the Summer recess.

Two Wins

Moonlight, owned by the Cire stable, has been pretty prominent over short distances. It won the Hobart Handicap (6 furlongs) (second section) and then went on to take honours in the Wattle Park Handicap over the same distance.

To A Surprising Time fell the honour of winning the Whitsun Handicap for 1941 winning subs., with ponies classified "A" class barred. This pony, nicely handled by Mr. Black, took the lead from the start and went right on to win.

The following ponies had one win to their credit:

Fresh Air (Rosehill Stakes) second section, Joan (Coolgardie Stakes) first section, Wayworth (Coolgardie Stakes) second section), Bona Vacantia (Koala Stakes) first section, Royal Sovereign (St. Kilda Stakes), first section, Corsair (Randwick Plate) second section, Black Seal (Randwick Plate) third section. Hole in One (Rosehill Stakes) first section. Tien Tien (Koala Stakes), Angel of Glory (St. Kilda Stakes) second section, Dashing Beauty (Great Bright Stakes) first section Bendigo (Wallsend Handicap) second section, Harmony Star (Carpentaria Handicap), Crack Shot (Warwick Farm Stakes), Bugle (Warwick Farm Stakes) second section, Leading Star (Killara Stakes) first section, & Araxy II (Killara Stakes) second section.

OLD AUSTRALIANS

The best performance was undoubtedly returned by Sapper, owned by Mrs. A. E. Grasett with Mr. Davis up. In the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies from the two mile post, it met Distant View and United Express, the best of the griffins and subs. of this season. Although Sapper had previously defeated Distant View, it had not until then met United Express and this race aroused considerable speculation as to which pony would prove the best of the Australian ponies. The race was contested at a very fast pace, with United Express taking the lead followed by Lancashire Chips, Sapper and Distant View. Before rounding the bend Lancashire Chips faltered and Sapper moved up to second position and went after United Express, gaining the lead on passing the Distance Post, although hotly challenged by Distant View, which came up strongly on the outside. The latter pony, however, could not maintain the pace and when Mr. Davis applied pressure to Sapper it came home an easy winner by 2½ lengths. In winning this race Sapper clipped 2-1/5 seconds off the record, held by Strathroy since March 29, 1937.

On the second day of the third extra meeting, from the 1½ miles post, Sapper, carrying top-weight, was sent out under Mr. Proulx for the first time owing to the suspension of Mr. Davis, after the first day's racing. It ran unplaced probably because of the shortness of the distance. Notwithstanding this reverse I still think Sapper is the best of the Australian ponies.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

C.R.C. (2)	v.	C.D.R.
K.C.C.	v.	A.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	v.	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v.	C.R.C. (1)
I.R.C.	v.	H.K.U.T.C.

S.C.A.A.:—S. Y. Li and H. N. Wong; J. Kwok and K. C. Wan; N. Y. Chan and Y. K. Ng.

I.R.C.:—A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab; I. Kitchell and M. Hassan; M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail.

C.D.R.:—H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha; F. J. Remedios and A. M. Silva; H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha.

K.I.T.C.:—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; Mahan Singh and S. A. M. Sepher; M. Ramzan and K. F. Mehal.

Changes Hands

Baffin Bay, with Mr. Needa on ton riding in the colours of Mr. T.K.L., failed to gain a place in the Melbourne Cup over two miles at the first extra meeting. This pony was sold after this race to Mr. S. W. Lee, and at the third extra meeting it was sent out in the Brisbane Spring Handicap over the same distance under Mr. Chao, coming home an easy winner in record time.

Australian Diamond, after placing second in the Melbourne Cup and the Brisbane Spring Handicap respectively over two miles, had its revenge when it won the Beas River Paddock Handicap over the Derby distance in record time. In this race it led from start to finish.

Lancashire Chips, now the property fo Mrs. Stanton, fell off in form considerably during the annual meeting so much so that it was demoted to "B" Class. It came back to form at the sixth extra meeting when it surprised fans with a dead-heat win with Mainsail in the Manly Handicap over six furlongs in record time to better Vanity Fair's time by 3/5 seconds. It has now regained its place in "A" Class.

Many Thanks, formerly owned by Dr. Reidy, showed improvement, and in the Sharks Bay Handicap, over the mile, for "A" Class ponies, it thundered down the track in a terrific burst of speed to snatch a dead-heat win from Distant View in record time. Many Thanks' time was not allowed as it ran under weight as per inches.

Record Equalled

Cheerful Star, with Mr. Proulx up won the Cabramatta Handicap (first section) for "C" Class ponies in a dead-heat with Catterick Bridge at the third extra meeting, and was instrumental in equalling the 1¼ miles record held by Fleetwing when it won the Bondi Handicap confined to "C" Class ponies with Mr. Craven up.

Catterick Bridge, after changing hands for the second time, won the Cabramatta Handicap (6 furlongs) together with Cheerful Star for "C" Class and immediately on its promotion to "B" it accounted for the Broken Hill Handicap (second section) over 1¼ miles.

Shuttlecock also had two wins to its credit, in the Broadmeadows Handicap at the first extra and then in the Wallsend Handicap (first section) at the fifth extra.

To Amber II fell the distinction of paying out the best win dividend among the old subs. Ridden by Mr. Pan in the Moreton Bay Stakes (first section) from the 1½ miles post at the fifth extra, it confounded the critics when it won, beating such flyers as National Reform and Bredon. It was responsible for paying out $107.70 which is the season's third best win dividend to date.

Other ponies that did well were Vanity Fair (Hobart Handicap) first section, Springhurst (Calliope Handicap), Longdon (Sydney Handicap) first section, Connieber (Moonee Ponds Handicap), Rowan (Manley Handicap) second section and Winnie (Spencer Handicap).

ASHEVILLE HAVE EDGE OVER MOHAWKS IN CLOSE GAME

H.B.'s Run Of Wins Broken

Sappers Delight Supporters With First Win

By "Grandstand"

THE HONG KONG Baseball League went into a colourful start when H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, performed the traditional rite of tossing the first ball last Saturday at the Military Football Park at Chatham Road.

U.S.S. Mindinao, who were matched against the Hong Kong Brewers for the 'Opening Day' classic, nosed out the Beermen 7-5 in a ding-dong battle which had the fans on edge, as the leadership changed hands with almost every inning.

The Asheville nine, deputising for U.S.S. Tulsa, eked out a narrow victory from Hong Kong Baseballers on Sunday morning, whilst Royal Engineers upset all the dopesters by taking South China [illegible] in the afternoon.

Out-hitting the Brewers, the Mindinaoans' victory was highlighted by Tony Mascavage's smashing clout which went for four bases with one aboard.

Ski "Bad News" Powlawski, who went the route for the Minnies, had six Beermen lunging at his side-arm benders and walked none, whilst Madeen "Slim" Arculli, who toiled on the slab for the Brewers, was nicked for eight blows, walked one and only fanned one.

Blanking the Mindinaoans in the first frame, Brewers chalked up two markers in their home half on three bunched up hits and a wild heave by hind-snatcher Tony Mascavage to take a short-lived lead.

Powlawski Deadly

In the second semester, Powlawski displayed his deadly form by fanning the next three batters to face him. The Minnies broke into the scoring column in the third canto with a cluster of three runs, on two hits assisted by George Souza's pair of expensive bobbles. The Beermen came back with a vengeance and grabbed the lead once more with a pair of tallies, but Mascavage, batting in the clean-up slot, poled out a round-tripper to deep left with one on, for the lead to change hands again.

In the sixth, Stan Leonard was given a life on Moore's miscue. Lefty Joe Bowen, the Brown Bomber, pinch-hitting for Jindoo Hussain, came through with a ringing double and chased in Stan Leonard to knot the count, whilst the Bomber himself crossed the pan with the tie-breaker on Obear Arculli's timely single to right. With the last inning coming up, it was now or never for the Minnies. Speedy Willie Wilson singled and burgled second. George booted Powlawski's grounder for his third error of the day, and left hurler Arculli right behind the eight ball, with ducks in the pond and Tony Mascavage coming up to the plate. Tony flied out for Wilson to score while M. M. Wilson singled for Powlawski to trot home with what turned out to be the winning counter.

Hindsnatcher Tony Mascavage gave his mates some anxious moments when he dropped Tony "Peewee" Alves' third strike and gave Alves a life with two outs. Dave Leonard was next out failed to come through with a safety and forced Alves at second, to relieve the tension for the Mindinaomen.

Best Batter

Willie Wilson came in for batting honours by slashing out three singles in four trips to the plat'er and pilfered four bases, whilst Tony Mascavage connected for the only four-bagger of the week-end.

Extra base hits were returned by Stan Leonard, Joe Bowen and Henry Ruel with a double a-piece.

With angels on the paths and none away, Ski Powlawski bun'ed into a double play, for the only twin-erasure of the action-packed game.

Hank Ali dished out a fielding gem by hauling down Tony Mascavage's trolley-wire smash which was labelled, in the first frame, whilst Bob Strahl handled eleven fielding chances at the initial station with nary an error, despite an injured knee.

Mighty "A" Win

Taking advantage of five errors in the third frame, the Mighty "A" chalked up four counters to take a narrow 6-4 decision from Hong Kong Baseballers. The Mohawks left eight potential runs stranded on the sacks whilst only four Ashevillemen died on the bases.

Both moundsmen, Charlie Sawyer for Asheville and Frank Crews for the Waggonermen, fanned five and walked three on balls. Langford of Asheville [illegible] guilty of two passed balls compared to Joe Morris' one. The margin of victory would have been much more were it not for Dan Fittinghoff's brilliant catch in the centre patch, after he had raced back a mile to gather in Sawyer's long hoist and nailed Red Morey at second base, for the only twin-killing of the scuffle.

The Mohawks drew first blood as Johnnie Schaberg singled, burgled second, and dented the pay-off station on Pete Fitch's grass-cutter which found third-sacker DiGiacomo handcuffed, and added another counter on Frank Crews' double in the second frame.

Defence Cracks

In Asheville's batting half of the same chapter, the Mokawk defence cracked wide open, and when the hectic inning was over, four runs had already trickled over the platter on only one (count it) hit. Bearing down in the next frame, the Mohawks tied the count with a pair of tallies, but were blanked out for the rest of the tilt as the Ashevillemen dished out a brilliant errorless fielding display, and stowed the game away in the old bat bag with a tally in each of the fifth and sixth frames. Langford, Johnnie Schaberg and Frank Crews were all good for a two in three batting performance, the latter cracking out the only extra base clout with a two bagger.

Engineers Triumph

The Royal Engineers delighted their supporters by chalking up their first victory of the season, at the expense of South China. The Caroliners only managed six safeties off hurler Mike Sarsfield whilst the Sappers were collecting nine blows off shadster Ernie Moy, who was derricked after the sixth. Sarsfield struck out six but issued five free tickets to first, whilst Ernie whiffed three and walked six. Wally Ching replacing Moy on the hill in the seventh, showed surprising form by fanning Cork, Taylor and Shaw in order.

Both sides were blanked in the first half, although Ching singled for Nam Hwa, but was left stranded at second. The Sappers broke the ice in the second canto on three infield errors, but South China evened the score with a counter when Hal Winglee grounded out to score Wally Ching. In the fourth frame the score was still tied, both teams chalking up a marker each.

S. China Miss Chance

Taking advantage of another South China epidemic of errors, the Engineers pushed home three more runs. Two timely hits with the sacks soused in the sixth produced another cluster of four runs for the Sappers to put the game on ice.

The Caroliners missed their chance for a rally in the sixth, when hurler Mike Sarsfield walked three in a row to choke the bags. Wally Ching slashed out a daisy-cutter which Heath fumbled, but recovered in time to force out Ernie Moy, who was still finding his way down to second.

Nip Lum and Flash Radcliffe both wielded the willow for a neat .667 figure in their three batting chances, the latter chasing in three of his mates with a single and a double.

TO-NIGHT'S INTER-HONG GALA

The Inter-hong swimming gala in aid of the Bomber fund will take place this evening at 8.30 p.m. at the European Y.M.C.A. and some good sport is expected.

Following Hongs will be competing: — Hong Kong Bank, Butterfield and Swire, Hong Kong Electric, Kowloon Dock, Dodwell's and Jardine's.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

RECREIO

First Division ("A" v I.R.C., Home)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).
L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip).
F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division ("B" v P.R.C., Away)
D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. M. da Silva and J. J. Basto (Skip).
F. A. Machado, J. C. Remedios, Eddie Souza and L. J. Silva (Skip).
C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division (v C.C.C., Home)
A. J. Osmund, E. L. Barros, A. V. Barros and O. P. Remedios (Skip).
L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes and J. R. Soares (Skip).
A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).

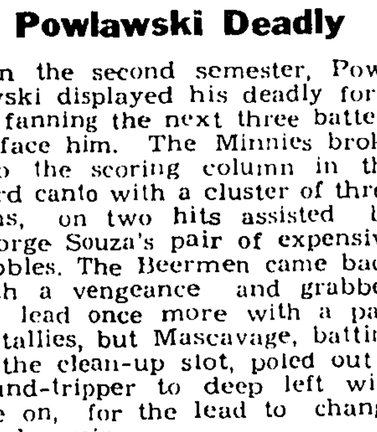
Third Division (v I.R.C., Away)
E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).
F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).
G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v K.F.C., Away)
W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip).
A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (Skip).
Reserves: J. R. Way and W. Stoker.

CHESS RESULT

In the Colony Junior Chess championship yesterday, To Yu-lau beat A. Morton.



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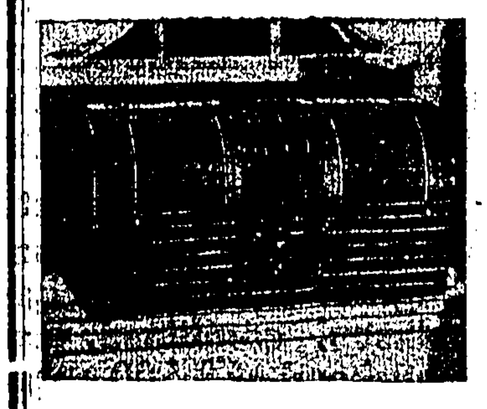

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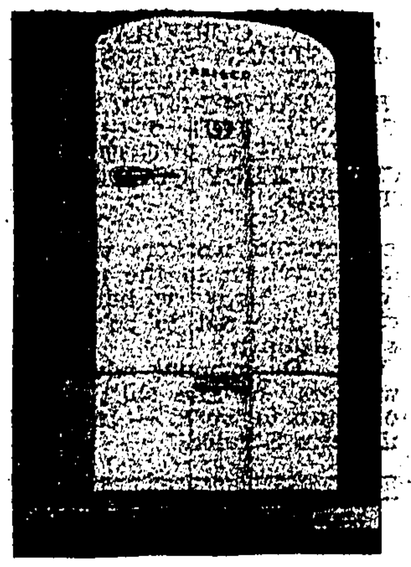

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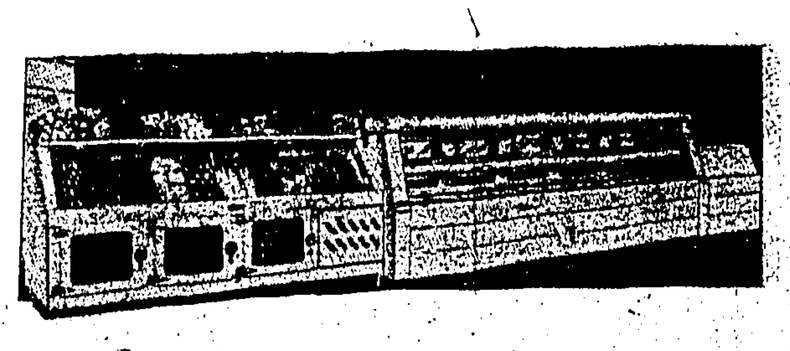

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